

To Remind the World of the Love Jesus Gave

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'Twas the night before Christmas and all through the house,
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse.
And on goes the story about Christmas Eve
And the jolly old man in whom we believe.

Have you ever wondered how Santa came to be?
So important to Christmas and to you and to me?
Well, it all began a long time ago,
The night before Christ to earth was to go.

All prepared to make Christ's birth well announced,
With angels and music and anthems pronounced.
But alas, all had forgotten in the final rush.
How to make Christ's birthday remembered to us.

The kingdom was searched for the most excellent plan
That would help us remember God's gift to man.
A saintly old fellow, so jolly and gray
Came up with the best plan that was offered that day.

He said, "Send a fellow each year at this time
Who would help people be happy and comfort their minds.
He could help man remember that God loves us so
By bringing presents to both friend and foe.

"He would show by example that true love and joy
Come only when shared with each girl and each boy."
Heaven decided that Santa's plan would be just right,
And Santa was asked to play the part that very first night.

So, from the first Christmas right down to today,
When one heard the bells jingling and saw the big sleigh,
They knew it was Santa making his way,
To remind the world of the love Jesus gave.

So, this night before Christmas when you hear Santa come,
Remember he's doing it for the love of God's Son.
Remember that he teaches as did Christ of old,
That to give of oneself is more precious than gold.



The Prayer Ornament



This little ornament so round and sparkly,
Holds your prayers to hang on a tree.
Write them down and tuck them inside.
Read the previous year's prayers and smile so wide.
Repeat the process each year and you will see,
You have started a new tradition with your family.

Directions

Purchase clear plastic fillable ornaments that split in half. I got mine on Amazon.

Paint acrylic glitter on the inside of both halves and dry overnight.

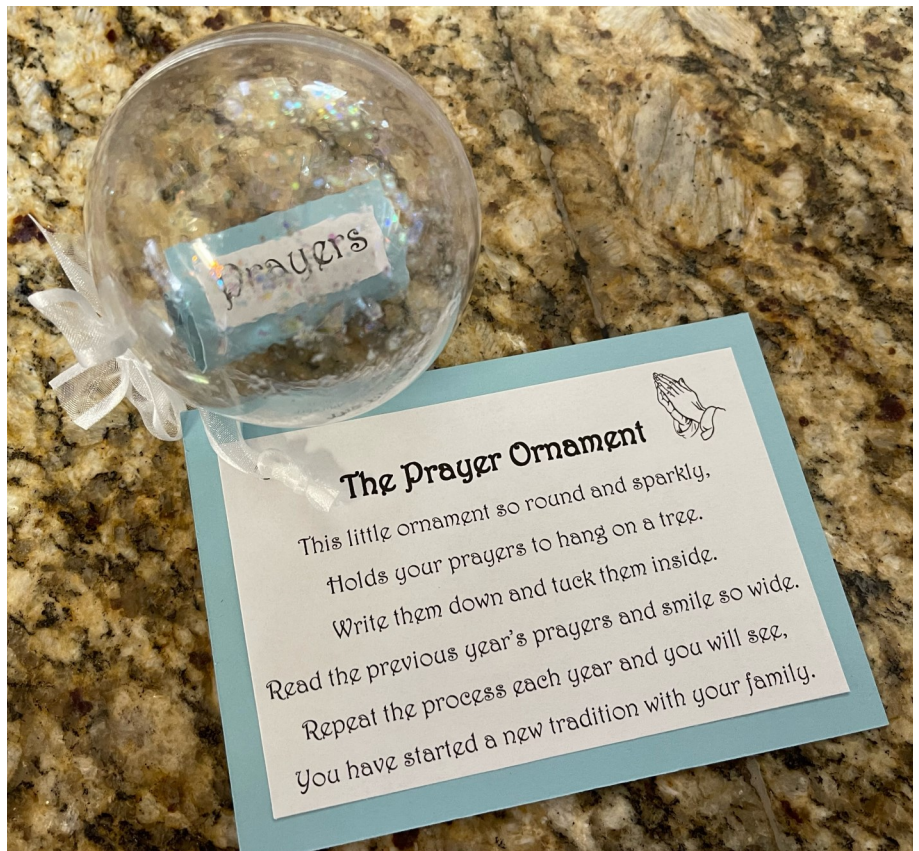
Cut a 2¼ X 5 inch strip of paper and write "Prayers" on the top or cut the word below and glue it on the paper.

Roll this with the words on the outside. Place it in the ornament and close it.

Tie on a ribbon for hanging and tie on a ribbon bow.

Print the poem, cut it out and tie it to the ornament as well.

When the loop at the top is tied shut loosely you can still open the bottom of the ornament.



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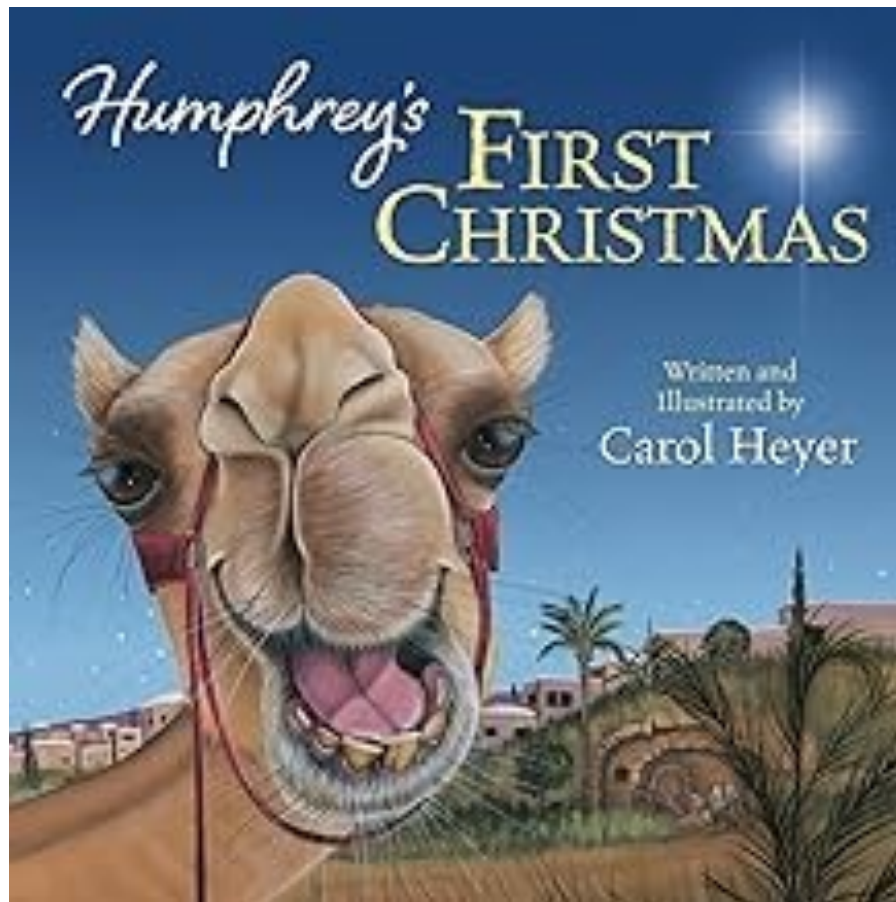
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Can be found on Amazon

Board Book is \$6.59

Hard Cover is \$13.23

Soft Cover is \$6.36

Legend of the Candy Cane Ornament

This is a lovely, inexpensive ornament to leave with each family that has you include Jesus in your visit.

Hot glue the bottoms and tops of two candy canes.

Print the attached poem and tie it to the candy cane heart.

Tie string where they meet at the top to make a loop for hanging.



Legend of the Candy Cane

Look at the candy cane.
What do you see?
Stripes that are red,
Like the blood shed for me.
White is for my Savior,
Who is sinless and pure.
"J" is for Jesus My Lord,
That's for sure!
Turn it around
And a staff you will see.
Jesus my Shepherd
Was born for me!



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What do the
Symbols of Christmas
Mean?



Shepherds used crooks to bring lambs back into the fold. Candy canes remind us we are all our brother's keeper.

Sheep wear bells so the shepherd can easily locate them. Bells remind us to locate those in need, and to bring them into the fold. Also, for centuries bells have been used to announce special events.



Stars are the most familiar Christmas symbol. They represent the star of Bethlehem which guided the Wisemen to the Christ child. They remind us that we should diligently seek Him every day.

For centuries, the evergreen tree has been a common symbol of eternal life. It reminds us that because of the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, we will all enjoy eternal life.



In many cultures the circle is a symbol of eternity, having no beginning and no end. The wreath combines evergreen boughs in a circle as a symbol of never ending love.

Candles are one of the most common symbols in the world. They represent different things to different cultures. At Christmas time, stars remind us of the star of Bethlehem.

