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FootnotesTheme Ten Symbols of Christmas, New Era, December 2017Lights, Trees, Star, Bells. Have you ever wondered what all these Christmas symbols might mean? With all the hype of the holidays, you are sure to see Christmas decorations all over the world. It's a huge part of celebrating Christmas! But have you ever thought about how some of these traditional decorations can help us get in touch with the true spirit of the season? If we look at them correctly, we can let them help us remember Jesus Christ in our Christmas holidays, as Christians have done for centuries. It's hard to go anywhere during Christmas without seeing stars hanging from street lights or sitting on top of a Christmas tree. The star is one of the most recognizable symbols of the holiday. It is a star that appeared in the sky when Jesus Christ was born. Five years before Jesus was born, Samuel Lamant prophesied signs of the Savior's birth, including the appearance of a bright new star (see Helaman 14:5). The star led the sages to Jesus (see Matthew 2:2) and reminds us to follow the light of the star to find Him.Elder David A. Bednar of the Twelve Apostles taught: Many of our memorable and enduring Christmas traditions include different kinds of lights - lights on the trees, lights in and on our homes, candles on our tables. Let the beautiful lights of each holiday season remind us of Him, who is the source of the world. 1 Christmas lights may remind us that Jesus Christ is the Light of the World. They can also remind us to be a light to others and help others come to Christ.For centuries, candles have brought brightness and warmth in season. Candles can also represent the light of a star that appeared at the birth of the Savior, and, like other lights, remind us that He is the Light of the World. Did you know candles are often used to decorate the Christmas tree before electric lights were invented? Even before the birth of Christ, the trees that remained green throughout the year had a special meaning for people. The green, prosperous tree in comfort reminded people of hope and new life. Thanks to Jesus Christ, we can have eternal life (see 3 Nephi 5:13), so we can choose to see the evergreen tree as a natural symbol of Him and His gift to us. Poinsettia comes from Mexico, and like an evergreen tree, it is a plant that thrives in winter and symbolizes a new life. But that doesn't stop there! Their form resembles a star like the one that led the wise men to Jesus. The Red Poinsettias may remind us of the blood Christ has shed for us. Elder Neil A. Maxwell (1926-2004) of the Twelve Apostles taught, Blood in every pore like the red Christ raiment was to be in Gethsemane, like a crimson cloak! Two white poinsettia can symbolize His purity (see Moroni 7:48). Because his red berries and spiky green leaves last round Holly is used as a decorations all over the world. The sharp edges of Holly's leaves may remind us of the crown of thorns placed on the Savior's head (see Matthew 27:29). Holly's red berry can remind us of his blood spilled for all of us. Christians have long seen these symbols. In fact, in some Scandinavian languages, the word Holly is Christ-Thorn. Traditionally, wreaths are made from evergreen plants such as pine branches or holly. Their round shape can represent eternity (see D'C 35:1). Wreaths hanging on doors or in windows as a symbolic invitation for the spirit of Christmas to fill our homes with the joy of the season. For centuries, bells have been ringing to announce the arrival of the Christmas season. They can symbolize the announcement of Christ's birth when angels in heaven praised God and proclaimed, Thank God in the highest, and on earth, peace, goodwill to people (Luke 2:14). Perhaps the best name for candy cane is the candy scammer. They may remind us of the compositions worn by the shepherds who visited the baby Jesus. In the time of Christ, shepherd staff were often a crook, or bend, at the top, which was used to hook sheep by the neck to gently lead them to food or water or protect them from harm. Enjoying the lollipop, remember that Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd (see John 10:11, 14). If we choose to follow him, He will gently lead us to security and peace. If you think about it, it's a little weird for someone to put goodies in an old sock. But like many Christmas traditions, the tradition of Christmas stocking comes from an old legend. Once upon a time (so the story goes), the poor man had three daughters and could not afford to give them a dowry (money or goods given to the bride's family). In those days it was very difficult for a woman to get married without a dowry. A Christian bishop named Nicholas heard about the problem and wanted to help, but the man refused to accept the money. One night Nikolai threw three balls of pure gold through the open window of this man's house. Each of them landed in a stocking, hanging by the fire to dry. The next morning, each daughter found a golden ball in her stocking. With this reward, they were all able to get married. Stockings can remind us of the importance of service. The greatest example of service is Jesus Christ. He always went to do good (Acts 10:38). For a while, think about the selfless acts of service to the Savior. How can you give Christ service and show kindness to others? Christmas is a time of giving. Remember the wise men who came to see Jesus? They presented him with gifts: gold, and frankincense, and myrr (Matthew 2:11), but the greatest gift of all came from our Heavenly Father: For God loved the world so much that he gave his only born Son that the who believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life (John 3:16). When you open your brightly wrapped gifts on Christmas morning, remember that savior true gift of gift This post may contain affiliate links for your convenience. As an Amazon Associate I earn from qualifying purchases. For more information, check out our privacy and disclosure policies. A list of Christmas symbols and what they mean. CHRISTMAS SYMBOLS - WHAT are they MEANHave have you ever wondered why you use stockings or stars for Christmas? Or why is it a tradition to decorate poinsettias or wreaths? All these special symbols that fill the earth at Christmas should help everyone remember the importance of the birth of Jesus Christ. I really wanted my kids to know that Christmas means more than gifts and Santa. So I published a book! Now there's an interesting and easy way to learn about symbols! To see Christ at Christmas is a beautiful 8.5 x 8.5 hardcover illustrated Christmas book that will help readers young and old see Christ in the holiday season always. Each of the 12 Christmas characters has a poem perfect for reading aloud. The verses explain what they mean and how each Christmas object reminds us of Christ. And the illustrations are so beautiful that you can just look at them all day long. 12 SYMBOLS OF CHRISTMAS in the book See Christ at Christmas, you will learn about these 12 Christmas symbols and their meanings. All symbols of Christmas are symbols of Christ and his love. MEANING OF THE STARFor example: This is a star that shines brilliantly and brightly. It will remind you of the birth of Christ that first Christmas night. The sages followed the new star to the baby born in Bethlehem. You too can follow His light in your life and be as wise as they are. Star StockingCandy CanePoinsettiaWreathEvergreen TreeAngelsDoveChristmas lightsSnowflakeLightsPresentsIf you're looking for a way to save Christ at Christmas, this is an easy way to do it! This Christmas book will last year after year, making it the perfect book to add to your festive collections! (Especially if you're doing the Christmas Book Advent Calendar as a way to count down to Christmas!) SEE CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS Order a copy of this to see Christ at Christmas here. She will become a new beloved family as it will help you and your children see Christ for Christmas. ORDER YOUR CHRISTMAS SYMBOLS BOOK HERE OTHER CHRIST-CENTERED CHRISTMAS IDEAS I wanted to make my book 12 characters of Christmas into a play. So here it is. The scene is this: a mother decorates her home with her children. By adding different objects to their home, they discuss the meaning of each subject and how they all lead to Jesus. Click here to download the printed version. CHRISTMAS Symbols (Children and Mom Decorate Their Home for Christmas) Mom: OK Kids! Are you ready to get the house ready for Christmas? Sandy: I love getting ready for Christmas! Susie: This is my favorite time of year! Sally: It makes me get in the mood for Christmas. Sammy: I think, Stanley: This stuff just fills the house and gets in my way. Mom: Girls, I'm so glad you're excited about this. But you have to remember that this is it as Stanley put it, means something as well. Sandy: What do you mean, Mom? Mama: Why do we celebrate Christmas? Susie: It's Jesus' birthday! Sally: That's when we remember that Jesus came into this world as a child. Mum: That's right. Sammy: Why should we decorate then? Stanley: Yes, why should we fill our house with all these things? Mom: Well, let's talk about some of these things and what it all means. Let's start with the evergreen tree that we decorate. Reader 1: The evergreen tree has a very appropriate name. It's always green - always green. In winter, it does not sleep like other trees. Green represents a new life and the needs of the evergreen always point up - heaven. It symbolizes our eternal life with Jesus Christ. We must be like an evergreen tree - always full of life, never becoming dormant in our lives with Christ as our hands are raised by heaven. The bread of God is the one who descends from heaven. It gives life to the world. John 6:33 Sandy: I didn't understand. Susie: Wow, so am I. Sally: I just thought it was a tree. Sammy: Yes, I didn't know it meant anything. Stanley: What do other things mean? Mom: What about jewelry? Reader 2: Jewelry is used to decorate the Christmas tree every year. People are looking for the perfect fit on their tree. Our Christmas tree just seemed complete without our decorations. Ornaments can symbolize the blessings in our lives. Our lives would not be complete without God's blessings. All we have is that God loves us so much that He wants to shower us with his blessings. Just like decorations are all different shapes and sizes, the blessings are all different as well. God chooses and chooses every blessing for us, so it will be ok. The next time you decorate your tree, and as you put up each ornament, think of the blessing that God has given you. I think you'll find that you'll work out jewelry before you can run out of blessings! Each person will give what he can, in accordance with the blessing of the Lord of your God, that He has given you. Deuteronomy 16:17 Sandy: Blessings! Susie: We have so many blessings. Sally: We have our home and our family. Sammy: It's hard to think of all the blessings God has given us. Stanley: Okay, so I think it's not that bad. And it looks good. Mom: Oh, it's so much more. How about talking about lights and candles. Reader 3: Lights and candles are used to give light. When the room is full of darkness, it's dark. But, if you light one match in a dark room, the room is light. There may be more darkness, but the light overpowers it. We're that light. We can be the only light in the world of darkness. We must share our light with the world so that the light will increase. You are the light of the world. The city, set on a hill, cannot be hidden. People also do not light a lamp and do not put it under the basket, and on the under the head, and it gives light to everyone in the house. 5:14-15 Sandy: I love light! Susie: They're pretty! Sally: Let's turn on more light. Sammy: I never knew. Stanley: I think I've never looked at it, that we're a light for God. Mom: Exactly. Let's put these bells on the tree further. Reader 4: The bell rings to guide the lost sheep back into the fold, which means that they are all precious in the eyes of the Lord. Jesus is our shepherd, and He has put his life for us so that we can spend eternity with him in heaven. He encourages us to follow him through His Word. Will you listen? If a man has a hundred sheep, and one of them lost his way, does he not leave ninety-nine in the mountains and go in search of someone who has lost his way? Matthew 18:12 I am a good shepherd. The Good Shepherd lays his life behind the sheep. John 10:11 Sandy: The bells sound so beautiful. Susie: I just love listening to them. Sally: Jesus is our shepherd. Sammy: We are his sheep. Stanley: He would have gone looking for me. Mom: Who likes candy? All children: ME! Mom: Let's put them on the next one. Reader 1: Candy cane symbolizes a few things. If you keep it upright... it looks like a rogue shepherd. The shepherds were one of the few people who could see the baby Jesus in Bethlehem. If you turn the candy upside down... it looks like J. Jesus starts with the letter J. The colors of the candy weigh are also symbolic. Red represents the blood Jesus shed for us on the cross, and white symbolizes the purity of Jesus. There are candy scawndis with three small red stripes running around it. These stripes symbolize the Trinity, the God of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Who knew that this delicious simple candy was so deeply symbolic of our Lord Jesus Christ and His simple birth? And she will bring the Son, and you will call him the name of JESUS, for He will save his people from their sins. Matthew 1:21 Sandy: It's delicious! Susie: I love this part of Christmas. Sally: It means so many things. Sammy: There seems to be a reason why we do everything we do. Stanley: I see now how this thing makes sense. Mom: I'm so glad you're changing your mind about some of these things. I have the stars to put on the tree further. Reader 2: The Star is a heavenly sign of a prophecy fulfilled a long time ago, shining hope for all mankind. The star led the wise men to find the baby Jesus. These sages have traveled many miles following the star in the sky. The star was their guiding light to the Savior. God was a travel agent of the wise men, in a kind, leading them to the greatest place known to man - the Savior. We now have His Word as our guiding light to lead us to be with Him in heaven. Are you going to follow him? And so, the star they saw in the East was in front of them until she came and stood up where the little child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced in the great joy. Matthew 2:9b-10 Sandy: I like that star was their guiding They could follow the star to Jesus. Sally: It must have been an amazing journey. Sammy: I'm glad we have the Bible now to help lead us. Stanley: Yes, the Word of God leads us to Jesus. Mom: Well, I think our tree is almost finished. We just have to put the angel on top. Reader 3: Imagine ... you are low watching your sheep. This night seems no different from any other. And suddenly the angel of the Lord is in the sky above you... I'm telling you about the birth of the Savior. You shepherd? Why did God send an angel to tell the shepherds? Because the message God had about the birth of Jesus was for all people! Not just for the right, not just for the Jew. All God chose #1 messenger to tell the lower people (in the eyes of the world) about the birth of His Son! God looks at the heart - not what the world is looking at - thank goodness! And so, the angel of the Lord came across them, and the lord's glory beamed round about them, and they were so afraid. And the angel said to them, do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good kinds of great joy that will be for all men. For it was you who were born on this day on the eye of David, the Savior who is the Lord of Christ. Luke 2:9-11 Sandy: Our tree looks beautiful! Susie: I wouldn't change anything. Sally: The angel was like a messenger of God. Sammy: Angel told Good News about the birth of Jesus. Stanley: Wow! I didn't know. But what about all the other things we put around the house. Mom: Well, Stanley. Let's talk about this Holly that we're going to put on the table. Reader 4: We see Holly as a decoration during the Christmas season. But do we really understand what Holly means? The leaves are the venzo spikes that were placed on Jesus' head when he was crucified. The berries symbolize the blood He shed for us. He endured criticism, excruciating pain and embarrassment... everything to you and me. The next time you see a decoration with Holly on it, remember what was done for you so he could spend eternity with you. I know I will. And twisting the crowning thorns, they put it on their heads and put the cane in their right hand. And kneeling before him, they mocked him, saying, Hello, king of the Jews! Matthew 27:29 Sandy: It's amazing what he did for us. Susie: It makes me feel blessed to know Him. Sally: He's been through it all for me! Sammy: He came to this earth to die for me and you. Stanley: It's quite an amazing thing to think about during this Christmas season. Mom: This brings us to this wreath that we will hang on the door. Reader 1: The wreath has its evergreen branches bent in a circle, so that the ends of touch without having a beginning or end, just as there is no beginning or end of Jesus' eternal love for us. Just as the wreath looks the same throughout and doesn't seem to change, so it will always be the same. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today, and forever. Jews 13:8 Sandy: I just like the way it looks on our Cuzco; yes, yes, really finishes the look of the room. Sally: It's nice to know that he's never going to change. Sammy: I didn't realize it made sense. Stanley: It's a great reminder that even if we change and grow, he'll always be there. What about the presents? They can't make sense. Mom: Well, then you'll sing. Reader 2: These days, the world has forgotten the cause of Christmas. Most people seem to think that getting gifts is the biggest thing about Christmas. Other people seem to think that gifts have nothing to do with Christmas. Well, they're both wrong. The sages came to visit Jesus as a child and presented him with gifts. They have His gold, frankincense and myrrh. They offered to hold him as king, paying tribute to him; incense as God, because they revered God with the smoke of incense; and myrrh, as a man who must die, for myrram was used in embalming corpses. These people... these sages... saw this child and knew that he was king, there is God, and that He would die for the sins of all the world. How does someone, knowing what we have now, believe? The sages went into the house. There they saw a child with Hid Mary's mother. They bowed and worshipped him. Then they discovered their treasures. They gave him gold, incense, and myrrh. Matthew 2:11 Sandy: I love getting gifts! Susie: I didn't know that's the reason we give gifts. Sally: But, Jesus is indeed the greatest gift for all of us. Sammy: He really is. Stanley: I never knew that the gifts of wise men made sense. What about the packaging? It's just what we came up with, isn't it? Mom: Yes, and no. The bows and ribbons have a special meaning that would be good for us to remember. Reader 3: Many people spend hours packing all their gifts during Christmas. They use ribbons, garlands and bows to make sure their gifts are as beautiful as possible. What they don't realize is that the items they use to complete outside the gift have more meaning than actually a gift inside. Onion connects our present with a beautiful ribbon, just as Jesus binds us as Christians together in His love. We may not be in the same family, but we are all in the family of God. Jesus is the ribbon that binds us together. And above all it is put on love that binds everything together in perfect harmony. Colossyan 3:14 Sandy: I just thought the wrappers had to hide the present inside. Susie: Yes, I never thought of them having their own meaning. Sally: There's really a lot to think about. Sammy: I think I'm going to have to look at things differently. Stanley: That's for sure. I never knew that all this stuff made sense. Mom: People get a little crazy with Christmas stuff. Parties, gifts, busy-ness Christmas season. What we have to do is slow down and enjoy every moment, remembering the true meaning of Christmas. Who wants cookies? Stanley: I know there's no point in cookies. Oh, you're going to sing. Reader 4: Making cookies is a favorite pastime for most families during the Christmas season. Cookie cutters are used to turn ordinary dough into edible masterpieces. God does not use cookie cutters when He creates each of us. It makes each of us so special and unique that it will have to break the mold after just one use. He's a potter, and we're his clay. He wants to turn us into His masterpieces. We only need to be mouldy and ready to follow His example. That's like clay in the hand of a potter, so you're in my hand, O house Israel. Jeremiah 18:6 18:6 12 symbols of christmas book. 12 symbols of christmas powerpoint. 12 symbols of christmas songs. 12 days of christmas symbols. 12 days of christmas symbols catholic. religious symbols 12 days of christmas

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