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"Let's see," he thought. On Christmas, God became one with us. The Christ Child became our Good Shepherd, looking after us. He offered His life for us, suffering and dying to save us from our sins."

With these thoughts in mind, he began to mix a large cauldron of hard candy, the best he had ever made. He made two batches, one white and one red. Then, he rolled out some of the white and some of the red. While it was still warm and soft, he wrapped them around each other.

The red stripe was to remind people that Jesus shed His blood to save us. The white stripe was to remind us of the great love that Jesus has for us.

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