

CHRISTMAS SYMBOLS

LIGHTS- John 8:12 I am the Light of the world...

John 1:5- ...that life was the light of men.

STAR- Star of Bethlehem-Matt 2:2

BELLS- Exodus 28:31-35. Worn on a priest's robes

Hebrews 7:23-27 Jesus, our high priest

ANGELS/CHOIRS/MUSIC- Luke 2:10-14 And suddenly...

CANDY CANES—Shepherd's crook—Psalm 23 The Lord is my Shepherd.

SHEEP- Isaiah 53:6 All we like sheep..

Isaiah 65:25 The wolf and the lamb will graze together.

LAMB of GOD- Isaiah 53:7 Like a lamb lead to the slaughter....

John 1:29 Behold the Lamb of God

1 Peter 1: 18-19...knowing that you were not redeemed
with perishable things....

Rev. 5:12-13 Worthy is the LAMB....

RED- Blood of the Lamb

Hebrews 9:22--..without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness

Hebrews 10:19...we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus

GREEN—for life and eternity

John 10:10 ... "I am come that they might have life....."

WREATH—evergreens—Rev. 21:6a. Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. Eternity.

Evergreens (Laurel) made into crowns for kings, athletes, and military leaders. Crown of thorns—Matt. 27:29

King of Kings and Lord of Lords—I Timothy 6:15-16

Revelation 17:14

Revelation 19:16

CHRISTMAS TREES— St Boniface in the 700s first used a fir tree as a symbol.

11th century—used in Paradise plays adorned with apples.

15th century-trees erected on Dec. 24th for Adam and Eve feast day.

1500—Martin Luther decorated a small tree adorned with candles in honor of Christ's birth. By the 18th century, Christmas trees were well established in France, Germany, and Austria.

Represents the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil and reminds us of 'the root of Jesse" from which Jesus was born.

Prefigures the tree, or cross of Christ.

FRUIT—Fruit of the Spirit—Gal. 5:22

NUTS- repentance

GIFTS- gifts of the wise men—gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

James 1:17—Every good and perfect gift is from above...

Gifts of the spirit---love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,
gentleness, and self- control

Jesus----John 3:16 For God so loved the world....

CHRISTIANS---are "little Christs" exhibiting the fruits of the spirit:

Buying Bibles, bicycles and toys, planning parties for children who
are without.

Giving generously of themselves and their resources to others in
need.

Caring for the sick

Caring for those in prison

Encouraging one another

Serving, singing, ministering with great joy and love.