



# FIRST PRIORITY PERMIAN BASIN



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There are so many words to describe this 2020 year. We choose the word GRATEFUL. Even through a pandemic, HOPE still abounds and God is still good. During this past year, we have built more relationships with our youth pastors and their churches. We have had the opportunity to reach even more students than ever before by creating personal participation and devotion guides that are passed out each month through our teacher hosts as well as youth groups. Students are journeying through these guides together and some students have even started a relationship with Jesus. We are GRATEFUL. As we look ahead to 2021, we are excited about the opportunities to help students reach their peers with the Hope that only comes from God. We already have a few schools that are ready to allow us back on campus to encourage these students as they lead well. We are GRATEFUL. We need your help though. It takes a lot of manpower and funding for us to take the Hope of Christ to every student. Would you prayerfully consider how you will help us do this? We pray you have a blessed Christmas and New Year!

**Shane Kenney, Executive Director – Permian Basin First Priority, Inc.**

### CANDY CANE GOSPEL

**SHEPHERD'S STAFF**  
JESUS IS THE GOOD SHEPHERD  
JOHN 10:14

**RED STRIPES**  
REPRESENT THE BLOOD THAT JESUS SHED ON THE CROSS TO FORGIVE US OF OUR SINS  
Romans 5:8

**WHITE CANDY**  
REPRESENTS THE FORGIVENESS OF SIN AND JESUS GIVING US A CLEAN HEART  
1 JOHN 1:9

"J" FOR JESUS

YOU CAN BEGIN A RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS TODAY BY CONFESSING YOUR SIN AND BELIEVING IN HIM  
Romans 10:9

● The shape of the candy cane reminds us of a "Shepherd's Staff." In John chapter 10 verse 14, it says, "I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me."

● The "Red Stripes" on the candy cane represents the blood that Jesus shed to forgive us of our sins. Romans chapter 5 verse 8 says, "but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." We need forgiveness, because in Romans chapter 3 verse 23, we are reminded that we ALL have sinned: "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."

● The "White Candy" represents the forgiveness of sins and a clean heart. "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:19

● When the candy cane is turned upside down, it represents a "J" for Jesus! To begin a relationship with Him, we must do what Romans chapter 10 verse 9 says, "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved."

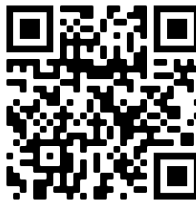
OUR THEME FOR THIS PAST MONTH WAS "CHOOSE FORGIVENESS!" THE GOAL WAS TO TEACH OUR STUDENTS TO FORGIVE EACH OTHER JUST AS JESUS FORGAVE US! WE USED THIS HELP TOOL, "THE CANDY CANE GOSPEL," TO MAKE IT AN EASY WAY TO SHARE THE GOOD NEWS OF JESUS DURING THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON.

"I AM THE GOOD SHEPHERD. I KNOW MY OWN, AND MY OWN KNOW ME!" (EPHESIANS 4:32)



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EQUIPPING, ENCOURAGING, AND EMPOWERING STUDENTS TO REACH THEIR PEERS WITH THE HOPE OF JESUS CHRIST



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