

CHRISTMAS SYMBOLS

1. Read the text, choose the correct relative pronoun in blue.



The Nativity Scene

The Nativity scene usually shows Jesus, Mary, and Joseph in a stable. It also often shows the shepherds, **when/who** were among the poorest people at that time.

It **reminds** us **that/when** Jesus came for everyone, including the poor.



The Wise Men, the star, and the gifts

The tradition of giving gifts on Christmas was **inspired** by the Wise Men, **that/who** also appear at the Nativity scene. They brought gifts to Jesus. The star on a Christmas tree **represents** the star **when/that** **led** the Wise Men in the story.



Candy Cane

Candy canes look like the letter J for Jesus in English, or the staff **that/what** shepherds used to guide the sheep. The white color **represents** purity (being clean), because Jesus has never done anything bad. The red color **represents** blood, because He died to save the world.



The Christmas Tree

Long ago, people decorated their homes with trees and branches, **that/which** stayed green in winter, to represent life. It was not a Christmas tradition. Then Germans started using trees at Christmas. Soon the tradition **spread** to other countries. The Christmas tree is not part of the Christmas story, but it **represents** eternal life. It can **remind** us that because of Jesus, we can have eternal life.

2. Which paragraph mentions:

- A) Guiding people
- B) A place where animals usually live
- C) How the tradition went to other places
- D) A working tool

3. Match the **words in green** with definitions:

- a) to show the way or go first.
- b) to help remember something.
- c) to give someone an idea
- d) to become popular
- e) to mean something