

## Candy Cane Cupcakes



Christopher loves candy canes. His mom always buys a big box of small ones at Christmastime to use as part of the decorations for their family’s Christmas tree. She lets Christopher eat a few, and then they hang the rest on the tree branches. Each year, he can hardly wait until after Christmas when the tree decorations come off, and he can eat some more of the delicious candy canes.

Today, when Christopher woke up, he smelled something wonderful. He walked into the kitchen and discovered a dozen freshly baked cupcakes sitting on the counter. They were covered with white frosting and red sprinkles. His mom was nowhere in sight. Suddenly, he had what he thought was a terrific idea. He ran into the living room where the Christmas tree stood and took twelve of the small candy canes. He carried them into the kitchen, removed the wrappers, and poked one into the center of each of the cupcakes. Wow! He thought they looked great, but he wondered what his mom would say about his creation. Maybe she would not be happy that he poked holes in the tops of her cupcakes. He was beginning to wish he hadn’t done that when his mom walked into the kitchen. Her eyes opened wide in surprise, and she was about to speak when she saw the worried look on Christopher’s face.

“That is exactly what I was going to do,” she said with a smile. “How did you know?” Christopher smiled back and ran to give his mom a big hug. She took two candy cane cupcakes from the plate, and they enjoyed a sweet treat together.

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**Directions:** Use the words in the Word Bank to complete the sentences below.

1. In the story, \_\_\_\_\_ loves candy canes.
2. He uses candy canes to decorate the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Christopher found \_\_\_\_\_ on the kitchen counter.
4. He put a candy cane in the \_\_\_\_\_ of each cupcake.
5. Christopher’s mom was not mad, but she was \_\_\_\_\_.

**WORD BANK**

Christmas tree  
cupcakes  
Christopher  
surprised  
center