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**"Prepare Him Room:  
Preparing for Joy"**

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**What** In this Advent monologue, Jessie prepares candy canes to hang on the Christmas tree and reflects on the joy the shepherds must've felt upon hearing the good news of Jesus's birth. This is the third monologue in the Advent series, Prepare Him Room, which reminds us that as we engage in holiday traditions in preparation for Christmas Day, we are also preparing room in our hearts for Jesus.

Themes: Christmas, Advent, Joy, Reader's Theatre, Gospel, Shepherds

**Who** Jessie: any gender teen or adult

**When** Present

**Costumes** Modern Day attire

**Props** Candy Canes  
Ribbon  
Lighter if lighting the Advent candle

**Why** Luke 2: 8-20

**How** If using as a reader's theater, familiarize yourself with the script beforehand. If performing as a monologue, Jessie can prepare the candy canes by tying ribbon hangers on them and can hang candy canes on a tree nearby.

**Time** 3 minutes

**Jessie** enters, carrying a candy cane or a box of candy canes and ribbon. If performing as a monologue, Jessie can tie ribbon hangers on the candy canes throughout the scene and hang them on a nearby tree, if available.

**Jessie:** I love candy canes. The swirling colors of red and white, some lines thicker, some thinner. The long, sturdy stem... the graceful twist at the top. And of course the peppermint sweetness.

*(smiles)* Mmmm. Of all the flavors this time of year, nothing quite reminds me of Christmas like frosty, cool peppermint. And they're so versatile! You can enjoy them as is, or crush them up, and add them to candies or baked goods, or you can sprinkle them on top of hot cocoa, or your favorite holiday latte. *(leans in)* Mine is a *(quickly)* grande peppermint mocha, haff-caff with four shots sugar free vanilla, two on top, two on bottom with almond milk and chocolate drizzle inside the cup, extra hot. *(takes a deep breath)* Hey, I like what I like.

*(shrugs)* But candy canes aren't only for eating. You can decorate with them too. I tie ribbons on mine and hang them on the Christmas tree, but you can make them into wreaths or garlands, or melt and shape them into bowls and candle holders. The possibilities are endless! The first thing I do every year as I start preparing to decorate my house for Christmas is head to the store and buy a whole bunch of candy canes. What can I say? Candy canes bring me joy.

A beat as **Jessie** looks at the candy cane.

Most people realize this when they're enjoying a candy cane, but they were originally made to resemble the shepherd's crooks they used the night the angels appeared and told them about the birth of Jesus. *(holds up the candy cane)* What a sight that must've been!

There the shepherds were, out in the field, under a night sky filled with stars, doing their jobs and tending to the sheep. A night which started out like any other.

Then suddenly, out of nowhere, an angel appears and says, "Do not be afraid! Listen carefully, for I proclaim to you good news that brings great joy to all the people: Today your Savior is born in the city of David. He is Christ the Lord."

*(thinks)* Great joy. Of course it was! This was what the people had been waiting for—a Savior! One who would bring peace and love to the world. The shepherds must've been elated. What had started out as an ordinary night of work had turned into the most miraculous moment of their lives filled with joy and wonder.

**Jessie** holds up the candy cane.

So, yeah, candy canes are delicious and versatile and are great for decorating *(leans in)* and even better for topping peppermint mochas. But what I love best about them is the reminder of those shepherds, who, as they held their crooks, experienced a moment of great joy, knowing that the Messiah they've been waiting for was finally here. And we get to experience that joy too, knowing that as we once again prepare for the coming of Christmas, we are also preparing a place in our hearts for the coming of our newborn king, Jesus.

*If lighting the Advent candle, **Jessie** says the following speech.*

Today, I light the candle of Joy. May the light of joy burn brightly throughout this Advent season and beyond. Amen.

*End of scene.*