

## Watered by the Source



This month I would like to talk about love, patience, joy, and virtue. We will start with love first. What is the source of love? The source of love is God. What I mean by being watered by it is that we should ask God to help us learn to love with a loving heart, and not with pretend love.

We'll talk about patience next. Who or what is the source of patience? God is!

## A New Look for G.M.M.

As you can see, there is this new look for the newsletter!

There will be some things taken out, but I will try to include as much as possible. As you can also see, most of the color is black, white, and gray. This is due to the fact that (and I am sure your printers can relate) it takes *a lot* of color ink to print out many copies of this newsletter. I hope you like and enjoy it!

He is the one who has the utmost patience with us. Now what do I mean by being watered by it? You can be watered by the source by asking God to guide you to not grumble, complain, whine, etc.

Joy is an interesting topic. It means that to be happy in the Lord. There is godly joy and there is worldly joy. Godly joy lasts forever, but worldly joy is temporary. We can be watered by the source of joy by finding joy in God instead of looking for joy in the world.

Virtue is the last topic we will talk about. What is the source of virtue? God! Are you beginning to see the pattern? We can be watered by the source of virtue by asking God to help us be kind and honest.

Now, how does this tie in with the birth of Christ? When God gave us Jesus, He gave us everything. He showed us real love. He is patient with us when we sin and thereby gives us hope that we too will demonstrate patience. He gave us joy that we might serve him with our heart, and He taught us virtue so that we might show it through our actions.

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### Special points of interest:

- A lesson on four attributes we need.
- A short article on what's going on in the newsletter.
- Peppermint Bark!- a tasty treat.
- Candy Cane Place Holders, a cute idea for Christmas or Christmas Eve dinner.





## Cooking: Peppermint Bark

~ from [comfyinthekitchen.com](http://comfyinthekitchen.com)

- 24 oz of white chocolate chips
- 24 oz semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 2 boxes of candy canes

In a microwave safe bowl melt semi-sweet chocolate chips in the microwave for 60 seconds, stir and repeat for an additional 60 seconds. Place parchment paper on top of a cookie sheet and spread melted chocolate over top. Place in refrigerator until set and hardened (approx. 20 min.). Unwrap candy canes and place in a large Ziploc bag and crush with a spoon (not too much or you will have peppermint dust.). Melt white chocolate chips the same way. Place 3/4 cup of crushed candy canes into the melted white chocolate. Pour and spread white chocolate on top of hardened chocolate and sprinkle with the left over crushed candy cane. Place in refrigerator for 2 hours until well set and hardened. Take out and break into pieces. Enjoy!



### G.M.M. Trying to reach out to people in our daily life

On the web at [www.anchoredresources.org/wp/articles/girls-mini-ministries/](http://www.anchoredresources.org/wp/articles/girls-mini-ministries/)



## Teaching Point Trivia

**I. You have presents under the tree. You count yours, then count your brothers. You find he has one more than you! Do you...**

- A. Brood over it and plot against your brother and parents.
- B. Get angry and open all your brothers presents.
- C. Have joy that you even get presents.

**Scores:** A. = 1 point B. = -5 points C. = 5 points.

If you picked A or B, you need to work on being joyful in all circumstances.

**Helpful Hint:** Don't count your presents!

## Craft: Candy Cane Place Holders

- Mini Candy Canes
- Hot Glue or tape
- Ribbon (optional)
- Place cards (index cards) and Pen

Start with two candy canes. Glue the candy canes together to make the label holder. Glue on the third candy cane so it can stand up on its own. Tie on the ribbon. Finish by adding the place cards.

