**WREATH:** The circle reminds us of the eternal nature of God and His love for us.

*Scripture:* **3 Nephi 9:15-18**

**TREE:** Christmas trees are evergreen trees. They do not lose their leaves in the winter, but stay green all year long. This is a symbol of eternal life. Christ has made it possible for us to live in heaven after we die.
*Scripture:* **Moses 1:39** and **1 John 5:11-13**

**STAR:** The star led people to the Christ child and was a sign to the world of the birth of the Savior.

*Scripture:* **Matt 2:1-3, 7-10** and **3 Nephi 1:15-23**

**CANDLE (Lights):** We often use lights, candles, and stars in our Christmas decorations. These represent that Christ is the light of the world.

*Scripture:* **Mosiah 16:9**

**CANDY CANES:** This candy is made in the shape of a shepherd's staff. The shepherds came to see baby Jesus. Christ is known as the good shepherd, He shows us the way to spiritual food and safety.
*Scriptures:* **Luke 2:8-9** and **John 10:11-18**

**ANGELS:** Angels announced Christ's birth to the shepherds.
*Scripture:* **Luke 2:8-18**

**RED & WHITE:** Red represents the blood of Christ, His atoning sacrifice. He freely gave His life so we might live again. White represents the purity of Christ (he was perfect). It also represents the cleansing power of the atonement; our sins can be washed away if we repent.
*Scriptures:* **Luke 22:44; 3 Nephi 12:48** and **Isaiah 1:16-18**

**GIFTS (to put under the tree):** Gifts represent the gifts the wise men brought to the Christ child and the gift of the Savior that Heavenly Father gave the world.
*Scriptures:* **Matthew 2:1, 11** and **John 3:16**

**BOW:** A bow is placed on a present to remind us of the spirit of the brotherhood of man, the need to love all.

*Scriptures:* **John 13:34-35** and **Mosiah 4:13-15**

**MUSIC (bell):** Singing praises to God lifts our hearts and helps remind us of His tender mercies.

*Scriptures:* **D&C 25:12** and **Colossians 3:16**