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Next he wove streaks of red through the cane. The small stripes represent the stripes that Jesus would receive on our behalf, the large stripe to remind the nation that our sins were already paid for by the gift of the son of God as a substitute in death for us.

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The knowledge that God knows our feelings and is willing to bear any burden is cause of great joy for all.

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