

The legend of Christmas flowers

The Bells On The Cactus

The Yuletide-blossoming Christmas cactus has given birth to many legends over the years. According to one Brazilian legend, a little boy who lived in the hot and steamy Amazon rain forest yearned for some small sign of Christmas amid all the tropical plants. When he awoke Christmas morning, there on his favorite cactus bloomed glorious red "bells."

Holly Of Selfless Love

The ancients tell us that holly berries used to be white. Then, when Jesus wore a crown of holly and thorns, the prickly crown cut His forehead and His blood stained the berries. Holly has borne red berries ever since as a reminder of Christ's suffering and love.

Miracle Leaf Plant

Each year, the kanachoe produces young plantlets from the center of its scalloped oval leaves as Christmas draws near. Because of this new growth, the plant has come to symbolize the true mes-

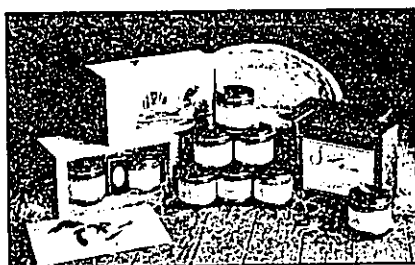
sage of Christmas — Christ's birth and the redemption of the world through God's love.

Birth Of The Poinsettia

Mexican legend has it that a poor young boy, ashamed to enter church on Christmas Eve without a gift for the Christ child, knelt outside to pray. When he rose, he discovered a beautiful poinsettia had miraculously grown on the spot.



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