

Legend of the Sand Dollar

There's a beautiful little legend
That I would like to tell,
Of the birth and death of Jesus
Found in this lowly shell.

If you examine closely
You'll see that you will find here.
Four nail holes and a fifth on
Made by a Roman's spear.



On one side the Easter Lily,
Its center is the star.
That appeared unto the wise men
And led them from afar.



Now break the centre open and then you will release,
the five white doves awaiting to spread good will and peace.



This symbol is so simple, Christ left for you and me, to help us spread the gospel
THROUGH ALL ETERNITY

Shirley Grant, 1988

Story of the Sand Dollar

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This Shell is one of the most unusual of all marine life.

The five slits on the edge represent the five wounds in the body of Christ.

There is an Easter Lily design in the center of the top, with a five pointed star in its center, Star of Bethlehem.

On the back is an outline of the Poinsetta, the Christmas flower.

When the Shell is broken open five small but perfect replicas of a dove will be found, Doves of Peace.

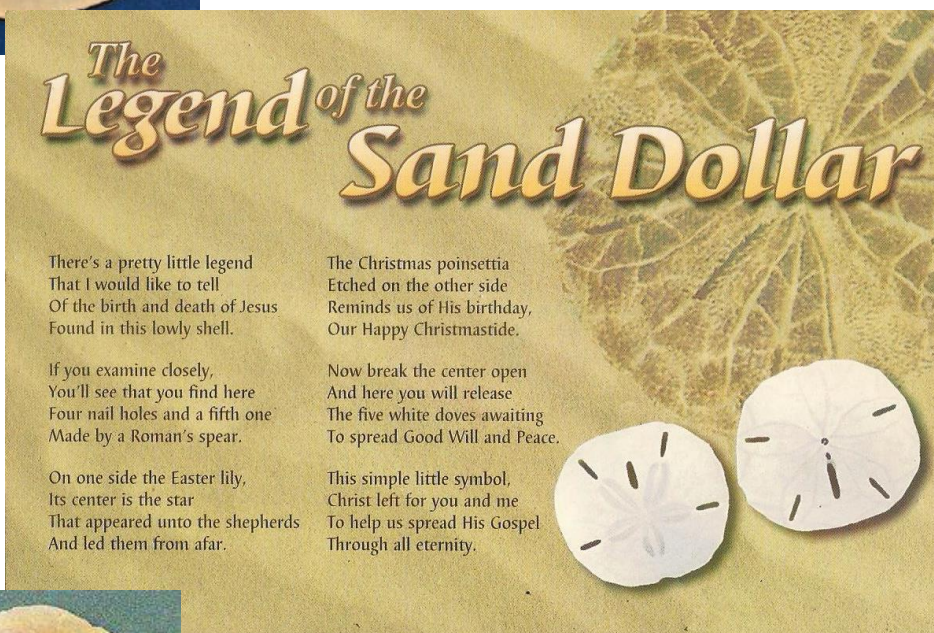
Some links to learn more about Sand Dollars

<https://www.mnn.com/earth-matters/animals/stories/things-you-dont-know-about-sand-dollars>

The story of the origin of the original poem of the Sand Dollar

<http://www.manitouislandsarchives.org/history/contributedmaterial/ronaldrose/ronaldrose.html>

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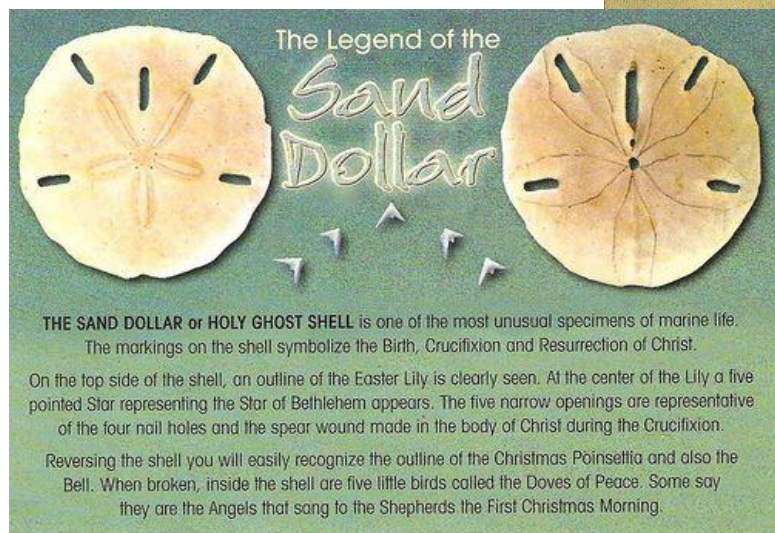
On one side the Easter lily,
Its center is the star
That appeared unto the shepherds
And led them from afar.

The Christmas poinsettia
Etched on the other side
Reminds us of His birthday,
Our Happy Christmastide.

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THE SAND DOLLAR or HOLY GHOST SHELL is one of the most unusual specimens of marine life. The markings on the shell symbolize the Birth, Crucifixion and Resurrection of Christ.

On the top side of the shell, an outline of the Easter Lily is clearly seen. At the center of the Lily a five pointed Star representing the Star of Bethlehem appears. The five narrow openings are representative of the four nail holes and the spear wound made in the body of Christ during the Crucifixion.

Reversing the shell you will easily recognize the outline of the Christmas Poinsettia and also the Bell. When broken, inside the shell are five little birds called the Doves of Peace. Some say they are the Angels that sang to the Shepherds the First Christmas Morning.

