

Resurrection Cookies

(can be made anytime, but best made the evening before Easter day)

Ingredients:

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| 1 whole cup Pecans | 1 cup white sugar |
| 1 teaspoon vinegar | zipper baggies |
| 3 egg whites | wooden spoon |
| pinch salt | tape and Bible |

Preheat oven to 300. Place pecans in zipper baggies and let the children beat them with the wooden spoons to break pecans into small pieces. Explain that after Jesus was arrested, he was beaten by the Roman soldiers. Read John 19:1-3.

Let each child smell the vinegar. Put 1 teaspoon of vinegar into a mixing bowl. Explain that when Jesus was thirsty on the cross he was given vinegar to drink. Read John 19:28-30.

Add egg whites to the vinegar. Eggs represent life. Explain that Jesus gave his life in order to give us life. Read John 10:10-11.

Sprinkle a little salt into each child's hand. Let them taste *a little* and brush the rest into the bowl. Explain that this represents our salty tears shed because of the bitterness of our own sin. Read Luke 23:27.

So far, the ingredients are not very appetizing. Add 1 cup of sugar. Explain that the sweetest part of the story is that Jesus died because He loves us. Jesus wants us to know how much God loves us, and that we belong to God. Read Psalm 34:8 and John 3:16.

Beat ingredients with a mixer on high speed for 12 - 15 minutes until stiff peaks are formed. Explain that the color white represents the purity of Jesus, and that in God's eyes we are also made pure because our sin has been cleansed by Jesus. Read Isaiah 1:18 and Revelation 7:9-14.

Fold in the broken pecans. Drop the "batter" by teaspoons onto a waxed paper covered cookie sheet. Explain that after Jesus died his body was wrapped in white linen cloth in preparation for his burial in a rocky tomb. Read Matthew 27:57-60.

Put the loaded cookie sheet into the oven. Close the oven door and turn the oven OFF. Give each child a piece of tape and have them "seal" the oven door. (Parents: Because the oven door may be hot, you may wish to find an alternative to the tape, and you may want to demonstrate this "sealing" part yourselves).

Explain that Jesus tomb was sealed. Read Matthew 27: 65-66.

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The children may feel sad/anxious to leave the cookies in the oven overnight. Explain that Jesus followers were sad/frightened/anxious when Jesus' tomb was sealed. Read John 16:20 and 22.

On Easter Morning, open the oven and give everyone a cookie. (the cookies will be cracked on the surface) Take a bite. The cookies are hollow! On the first Easter, Jesus' followers were amazed that the tomb was open - and empty! Read Matthew 28:1-9.