



Easter Story Cookies

Also known as "Resurrection Cookies"



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Ingredients:

- ☐ 1 C whole **pecans**
- ☐ 1 tsp. **vinegar**
- ☐ 3 egg whites
- □ a pinch of **salt**
- □ 1 C sugar
- □ ½ C choc chips

Other things you will need:

- ☐ Mixing bowl
- □ Zipper baggie
- □ Wooden spoon
- □ Masking tape
- ☐ Bible, or verses written out on index cards with numbers corresponding to directions below.

Method:

- Preheat oven to 325°F. This is important—don't wait until you are almost done with the recipe!
- Place pecans in the zipper baggie and let children beat them with wooden spoon to break into small pieces. Explain that after Jesus was arrested, he was beaten by the Roman soldiers. **Read John 19:1-3**.
- 3 Let each child smell or taste the vinegar and then put it into a mixing bowl. Explain that when Jesus was on the cross he got very thirsty. The soldiers gave him vinegar ("sour wine") to drink. **Read John 19:28-30**.
- 4 Add egg whites to the vinegar. Eggs represent life. Explain that Easter is all about Jesus giving His life for us to gain eternal life—real life! **Read John 10:10-11**.
- Sprinkle a little salt into each child's hand. Let them taste this while you explain that the salt represents the salty tears shed by those who followed Jesus, and the tears we shed over our own sins. **Read Luke 23:27** and then add a pinch of salt to the bowl.
- Add 1 C sugar. Explain that so far the ingredients are not very appetizing. The sweetest part of the Easter story is that Jesus died because He loves us. He wants us to know Him. He wants us to belong to Him. **Read Psalm 34:8 and John 3:16**. Tell them about your own faith in Jesus.

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| / | Explain that the color white represents the purity in God's eyes of those whose sins have been cleansed by Jesus through His death on the cross. Read Isaiah 1:18 and Titus 2:14. |
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| 8 | Gently fold in the broken nuts and chocolate chips to represent the burial spices. Read John 19:38-40 . |
| 9 | Cover a cookie sheet with waxed paper or aluminum foil. Drop by teaspoons onto your prepared cookie sheet, explaining that each mound represents the rocky tomb where Jesus' body was laid. Read Matthew 27:57-60 . |
| 10 | Put the cookies in the oven, close the door, and turn the oven OFF. |
| 11 | Give each child a piece of tape and "seal" the oven door. Explain that Jesus' tomb was sealed. Read Matthew 27:62-66 . |
| 12 | Go to bed! Explain to the children that they may feel sad that they have to leave the cookies in the oven. Just imagine how very sad Jesus' followers were when the tomb was sealed. Jesus knew about their sadness and talked to His follow- |

Then, on Easter morning...

On Easter morning open the oven and give everyone a cookie. Notice the cracked surface and take a bite. The cookies are hollow! On the first Easter morning Jesus' followers were amazed to find the tomb was open and empty!

Read Matthew 28:1-10. HE HAS RISEN! REJOICE!

ers about it even before He died! Read John 16:20, 22.

