

Resurrection Cookies

Use this tasty object lesson to teach your children more about Easter

Preheat oven to 300° F and gather your supplies:

Bible	Wooden spoon	1 cup sugar
1 cup whole pecans	1 tsp. vinegar	Tape
Zipper baggie	3 egg whites	
	Pinch of salt	

1. Place pecans in baggie. Let children beat them with the wooden spoon to break into small pieces - *Explain that Jesus was arrested, then beaten by the Roman soldiers. Read John 19:1-3.*
3. Let each child smell the vinegar. Put 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.*
4. Add egg whites to vinegar. Eggs represent life - *Explain that Jesus gave His life to give us life. Read John 10:10-11.*
5. Sprinkle a little salt into each child's hand. Let them taste it and brush the rest into the bowl - *Explain this represents the salty tears shed by Jesus' followers and the bitterness of our own sin. Read Luke 23:27.*

So far the ingredients are not very appetizing.

6. Add sugar - *Explain the sweetest part of the story is Jesus died because He loves us. He wants us to know this and how to belong to Him. Read Ps. 34:8 & John 3:16.*
7. Beat with a mixer on high speed for 12 to 15 minutes until stiff peaks are formed - *Explain that white represents the purity we have in God's eyes when Jesus cleanses our sins. Read Isaiah 1:18 and John 3:1-3.*
8. Fold in nuts. Drop by tsp onto a cookie sheet covered with waxed paper - *Explain the mounds represents the rocky tomb where Jesus' body was laid. Read Matt. 27:57-60.*
9. Put the cookie sheet in the oven, close the door and turn the oven OFF.
10. Give each child a piece of tape and ask them to "seal" the oven door - *Explain that Jesus' tomb was sealed. Read Matt.27:65-66.*
11. GO TO BED! *Explain they may feel sad to leave the cookies in the oven overnight. Jesus' followers were sad when the tomb was sealed. Read John 16:20 and 22.*
12. On Easter morning, open the oven and give everyone a cookie - *Notice the cracked surface. Take a bite to discover the cookies are hollow! On the first Easter Jesus' followers were amazed to find the tomb open and empty! Read Matt. 28:1-9*