

# RESURRECTION COOKIES

It's holy week... Passion Week... the week that led to Christ's arrest, trial, death and glorious resurrection. It's a time of remembering and celebrating.

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### Ingredients:

- 1 c whole pecans **or** 1 c mini-chocolate chips
- 1 tsp vinegar
- 3 egg whites
- Pinch of salt
- 1 cups sugar
- 2 zipper bags
- Wooden spoon
- Tape
- Bible

**STEP 1:** Preheat oven to 300.

**STEP 2:** Place pecans (or mini-chocolate chips) in a zipper bag (you might want to "double bag" to make sure you don't have a big mess) and let kids beat them with the wooden spoon to break into small pieces. Explain that after Jesus was arrested, the Roman soldiers beat him. (Read John 19:1-3)

**STEP 3:** Let the kids smell the vinegar and even taste it. Add the vinegar it into a mixing bowl. **Explain that when Jesus was thirsty on the cross, He was given vinegar to drink. (Read John 19:28-30)**

**STEP 4:** Add egg whites to vinegar. Eggs represent life. **Explain that Jesus gave His life to give us life. (Read John 10:10-11)**

**STEP 5:** Sprinkle a little salt into each child's hand. Let them taste it and brush the rest into the bowl. **Explain that this represents the salty tears shed by Jesus' followers. (Read Luke 23:27)**

**STEP 6:** Add sugar. **Explain that the sweetest part of the story is that Jesus died because He loves us. He wants us to know Him. (Read Psalm 34:8 and John 3:16)**

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**STEP 7:** Using an electric mixer, beat egg white mixture on high speed until stiff peaks are formed (12-15 minutes). **Explain that the color white represents the purity and cleaning of our sins because of what Jesus did for us. (Read Isaiah 1:18 and John 3:1-3)**

**STEP 8:** Fold in broken nut or mini-chocolate chips and drop by teaspoonfuls onto a cookie sheet covered with wax paper. **Explain that each mound represents the rocky tomb where Jesus' body was laid. (Read Matthew 27:57-60)**

**STEP 9:** Put the cookie sheet in the oven, close the door and **turn the oven off**. (The cookies will bake in the pre-heated oven overnight if you DO NOT OPEN THE OVEN DOOR). Give each child a piece of tape and seal the oven door. **Explain that Jesus' tomb was sealed. (Read Matthew 27:65-66)**

**STEP 10:** Go to bed and explain that they may feel sad to leave the cookies in the oven overnight. **Explain that Jesus' followers felt despair when the tomb was sealed too. (Read John 16:20-22)**

**STEP 11:** 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, Jesus' followers were amazed to find the tomb open and empty. **Celebrate that Jesus is risen! He is risen indeed! (Read Matthew 28:1-9)**

So... there you have it... a fun, meaningful, and memorable way to learn about the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ.