

Resurrection Cookies to be made the night before Easter

1/3 cup whole pecans
1/3 t. vinegar
1 egg whites
Pinch of salt
1/3 cup sugar

Baggie
Wooden spoon
Tape
Bible

Preheat oven to 300 .

Place pecans in zipper baggie and beat them with a wooden spoon to break into small pieces. Explain that when Jesus was arrested, He was beaten by the Roman soldiers. Read John 19:1-3.

Let everyone smell the vinegar. Put vinegar into mixing bowl. Explain when Jesus was thirsty on the cross he was given vinegar to drink. Read John 19:28-30.

Add egg white to vinegar. Eggs represent life. Explain that Jesus gave His life to give us life. Read John 10:10-11.

Sprinkle a little salt into everyone's hand. Let them taste it and brush the rest into the bowl. Explain that 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. Add sugar. Explain that the sweetest part of the story is that Jesus died because He loves us. He wants us to know and belong to Him. Read Ps. 34:8 and John 3:16.

Beat on high speed for 12-15 minutes until stiff peaks form. Explain that the color white represents the purity in God's eyes of those whose sins have been cleansed by Jesus. Read Isa 1:18 and John 3:1-3.

Fold in the broken nuts. Drop by teaspoonfuls onto wax paper covered cookie sheet. Explain that each mound represents the rocky tomb where Jesus' body was laid. Read Matt. 27:57-60.

Put the cookie sheet in preheated oven, close the door and bake cookies for 20 minutes or so (do not open oven to check on cookies). While baking, give everyone a piece of tape to seal the oven door. Explain that Jesus' tomb was sealed. Read Matt 27:65-66. Turn oven off after baking 20 minutes.

GO TO BED. Explain that they may feel sad to leave the cookies in the oven overnight. Jesus' followers were in despair when the tomb was sealed. Read John 16:20&22.

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. Read Matthew 28:1-9.