

Resurrection Cookies

To be made the night before Easter

Items needed:

- Bible with references already tabbed or flagged
- Quart zipper bag per child
- Wooden spoon per child
- Cookie sheet lined with parchment paper or wax paper
- Tape (such as masking or duct tape)
- Mixing bowl, 1 teaspoon measuring spoon, 1 cup measuring cup
- Electric mixer

Ingredients:

- 1 cup pecans, halves or whole – not pieces
- 1 tsp. white vinegar
- 3 egg whites
- Salt
- 1 cup sugar

1. Preheat the oven to 300 degrees. Do before any other steps!
2. Read **John 19:1–3**. Explain that after Jesus was arrested, He was beaten by the Roman soldiers. Place pecans in the zipper bag and let children beat them with the wooden spoon until they are broken into small pieces.
3. Read **John 19:28–30**. Explain that when Jesus was thirsty on the cross, the soldier gave Him vinegar. Let the children smell the vinegar. Measure the vinegar and pour into the mixing bowl.
4. Read **John 10:10–11**. Explain that Jesus came to give us life! The eggs represent life. Crack, separate the yolk from the whites, and add egg whites to the mixing bowl.
5. Read **Luke 23:27**. Explain that salt represents the tears of those who followed Jesus to the cross and the sorrow of our own sins. Sprinkle a little bit of salt in each child's hand and allow them to taste it. Then sprinkle a dash of salt into the egg whites and vinegar mixture.
6. Read **Psalms 34:8** and **John 3:16**. Ask the children if the cookies look appetizing. Explain that God is good, and we see that in Jesus' death. The best part of this story is that Jesus died because He loved us! Measure and add sugar to the egg whites mixture. With an egg beater, beat mixture on high for 12 minutes or until very stiff peaks form.
7. Read **1 John 3:5**. Point out to the children how white the cookies are now. The white represents the purity of Christ. He never did anything wrong!
8. Read **Matthew 27:57–60**. Explain that after Jesus died, Joseph asked for His body. Joseph wrapped Jesus' body in a cloth and buried Him in a stone tomb. Fold the chopped nuts into the whipped mixture. Drop by teaspoons onto the lined cookie sheet. The mounds represent the tomb where Jesus was buried.
9. Place the cookie sheet in the oven and turn the oven OFF. Read **Matthew 27:65–66**. Explain that after Jesus was buried, a stone was rolled over the door and Pilate sealed it. Give each child a piece of tape to place over the oven door in order to "seal the tomb."
10. Read **John 16:20 and 22**. Explain that after the tomb was sealed, Pilate had placed his guard there. The disciples were very sad as they went to their homes. GO TO BED! Just as the children may be sad to leave the cookies in the oven, Jesus' disciples were sad to leave His body in the tomb.
11. The next morning, open the oven and take the cookies out. When you take a bite, the cookies will be hollow! Explain that when Jesus' followers came back to the tomb, it was empty! His body was gone! He is risen! Read **Mark 16:1–8**.