

Ideally, this recipe is best done the night before Easter, it's a great lesson and one the children love participating in. We let the kids eat the resurrection cookies in the morning to help keep the excitement alive.

My 21 year old son remembers these fondly. This takes time, the recipe is easy, the time is in the story.

Having a virtual church means that your children can go to "big church" with you this Sunday as a family so this is a lesson for them the night before Easter, this should build excitement and you could wait till after the big church lesson to open the "tomb" oven.

I hope this becomes a tradition for you as it has been for my family and I.

You will need:

whole pecans
white vinegar
egg whites
salt
sugar

And, you'll need some things from around the house to "tell the story" as you make the cookies:

Bible
zip-top bag
spoon
tape

HOW DO YOU MAKE RESURRECTION COOKIES?

All in all, it'll be about 30-45 minutes to get the cookies in the oven and shut the door with the lesson.

With each step, you can choose to read a corresponding Bible verse. Even if you don't read the verse, you can talk your children through the story as you go along.

And, since there's no baking, you just go to bed and wait until morning.

Ingredients

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

Other items needed:

Bible

zip top bag

wooden spoon

tape

Mixer

Instructions

Preheat oven to 300 degrees. IMPORTANT! Do this before you do the next steps.

Place pecans in zip top bag and let children beat them with the wooden spoon to break them into small pieces. Explain that after Jesus was arrested, the Roman soldiers beat him.

Read John 19:1-3

Let each child smell the vinegar. Put 1 teaspoon vinegar into mixing bowl. Explain that when Jesus was thirsty on the cross he was given vinegar wine to drink.

Read John 19:28-38

Add egg whites to vinegar. Explain that eggs represent life. Explain that Jesus gave His life to give us life.

Read John 10:10-11

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, and the bitterness of our own sin.

Read Luke 23:27

So far the ingredients are not very appetizing.

Add 1 cup 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 Psalm. 34:8 and John 3:16

Beat with a mixer on high speed for 12 to 15 minutes until stiff peaks are formed. Explain that the color white represents the purity in God's eyes of those whose sins have been cleansed by Jesus.

Read Isaiah. 1:18 and John 3:1-3

Fold in broken nuts. Drop by teaspoons onto wax paper covered cookie sheet. (Or, put ingredients in a gallon zip top bag and cut off a tiny piece of the corner to use as a piping bag. Pipe cookies onto cookie sheet.) Explain that each mound represents the rocky tomb where Jesus' body was laid.

Read Matthew 27:57-60

Put the cookie sheet in the oven, close the door and turn the oven OFF. Give each child a piece of tape and seal the oven door. Explain that Jesus' tomb was sealed.

Read Matthew 27:65-66

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 and 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 John 11:25-26