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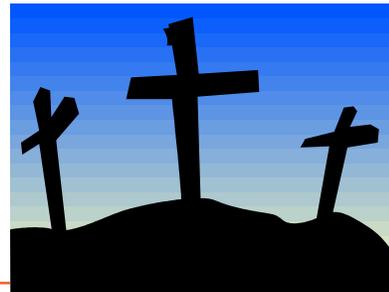
Resurrection Cookies

...make this a yearly tradition to tell the Easter story

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| 1 cup whole pecans | wooden spoon or mallet |
| 1 teaspoon vinegar | mixing bowl and utensils |
| 3 egg whites | mixer |
| 1/4 teaspoon salt | waxed paper |
| 1 cup sugar | cookie sheet |
| 1 large zipper-locked bag | Bible |

- 1.** Preheat your oven to 300° F. This must be done or the cookies will not turn out. Cover your cookie sheet with a layer of waxed paper.
- 2.** Explain to your family that you will be making a very special kind of cookie. This cookie will help them learn about the death and resurrection of Jesus. Take turns reading the Bible passages.
- 3.** Fill the zipper-locked bag with the pecans. Ask a younger family member to beat them with the wooden spoon or mallet. Say, "When Jesus was arrested, the Roman soldiers beat him just like you are beating the pecans." Read Mark 15: 15.
- 4.** Open the vinegar bottle and pass it around for your family to smell. As you pour the teaspoon of vinegar into the bowl say to your family, "Can you imagine being given this to drink? That's what the Roman soldiers gave to Jesus when he was thirsty." Read John 19: 29.
- 5.** Separate the egg whites from the yolks (save the egg yolks for another recipe). As the egg whites are added to the recipe explain that eggs are the symbol of life. Jesus gave his life on the cross for us so that we might live. Read John 10: 10-11.

Family MomenTip: Always think safety when doing this or any other activity with your family.



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- 6.** Give each of your family members a taste of salt. This is a reminder of the tears that Jesus' family and friends must have shed when he died. Add the salt to the recipe. Read Luke 23: 27
- 7.** The cup of sugar represents the sweetness of Jesus love for us that was so great he was willing to die for our sins. Add the sugar. Read Psalm 34:8 and John 3:16.
- 8.** With your mixer set on high speed beat the mixture until stiff peaks form, about 12 minutes. As this happens the mixture will turn white, the color of purity. Because Jesus died for our sins we are pure in the eyes of God. Read Isaiah 1:18 and John 3:1-3.
- 9.** Gently fold the nuts into the egg mixture. Drop teaspoon fulls of the mixture onto the cookie sheet. The lumps of dough look like the rocks that made up the tomb where Jesus was laid. Read Matthew 27: 57-60.
- 10.** After your place the cookie sheet in the oven, close the door and turn the oven off. Ask each family member to place a piece of tape on the oven door handle (be careful as the oven is hot) to seal the cookies in just as the Roman guards sealed the tomb that Jesus as laid in. Read Matthew 27:65-66.
- 11.** Now it's time to go to bed. Your family may feel anxious about leaving the cookies in the oven overnight. Jesus' friends and family were very sad and anxious after his death. Read John 16: 20, 22.
- 12.** Open the oven on Easter morning and take out the cookies. Give each family member a cookie and invite them to take a bite. Surprise, the cookies are hollow and empty inside, just like Jesus' tomb on that morning so long ago. Read Matthew 28:1-9.
- 13.** Pray a prayer of resurrection gratitude with your family.