

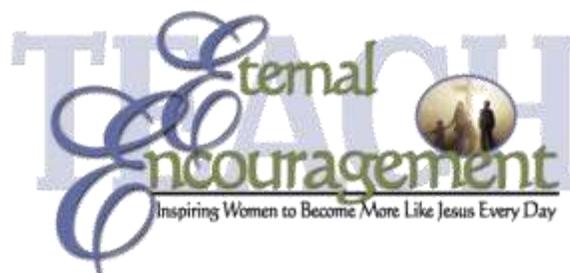
Resurrection Cookies with "The" Message!

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



Preheat oven to 300°F.

1. **Place the pecans in a Ziploc bag.** Let your children beat them with a meat mallet or hammer to break into small pieces. Explain that after Jesus was arrested. He was beaten by the Roman soldiers.
2. **Read John 19:1–3 aloud.** Let child smell the vinegar. Put 1 tsp. into a mixing bowl. Explain that when Jesus was thirsty on the cross, He was given vinegar to drink.
3. **Read John 19:28–30 aloud.** Add egg whites to the vinegar. Eggs represent life. Explain that Jesus gave His life for our life.
4. **Read John 10:10–11 aloud.** Sprinkle a little salt into each child's hand let them taste it then brush the rest into the bowl. Explain that represents the salty tears shed by Jesus followers, and the bitterness of our own sin.
5. **Read Luke 23:27 aloud.** So far the ingredients are not very appetizing. Add 1 cup sugar. Explain that the sweetest part of this story is that Jesus died because He loves us. He wants us to know and belong to Him.
6. **Read Psalm 34:8 and John 3:16 aloud.** Beat with mixer on high speed for 11-15 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.
7. **Read Isaiah 1:18 and John 3:1–3 aloud.** Fold in broken nuts. Drop by teaspoon onto waxed paper-covered cookie sheet. Explain that each mound represents the rocky tomb where Jesus body was laid.
8. **Read Matthew 27:65-66 aloud.** Put cookies sheet in the oven. Close door and turn oven **OFF**.
9. **Give each child a piece of tape and seal the door.** Explain that Jesus tomb was sealed.
10. **Read Matthew 27:65–66 aloud.** 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.
11. **Read John 16:20 and 22 aloud.** On Resurrection Morning, open the oven and give everyone a cookie!
12. **Notice the cracked surface and take a bite.** The cookies are hollow! On the first Resurrection Day Jesus followers were amazed to find the tomb open and empty.
13. **Read Matthew 28:1–9 aloud.** Celebrate and let your hearts be overflowing with thankfulness! ♥



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