

PASCHA LESSON COOKIE RECIPE

Diana's Pascha (Easter) Story Cookies To Be Made the Evening Before Pascha (Easter)

Items Needed

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| 1C whole pecans | 1C sugar | wax paper |
| 1tesp vinegar | mixing bowl | cookie sheet |
| 3 egg whites | plastic zipper bag | tape |
| pinch salt | wooden spoon | Bible |

1. Preheat oven to 300 F.
2. Place pecans in zipper bag and let children beat them with the wooden spoon to break into small pieces. Explain that after Jesus was arrested the Roman soldiers beat him. Read John 19:1-3.
3. Let each child smell the vinegar. Put 1 teaspoon of vinegar into mixing bowl. Explain that when Jesus was on the cross, He became thirsty. He was given vinegar to drink. Read John 19:28-30.
4. Add egg whites to the vinegar. Eggs represent life. Explain that Jesus gave His life to give us life. Read John 10:10-11.
5. Sprinkle a little salt into each child's hand. Let them taste it & 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.
6. So far the ingredients are not very appetizing. Add 1c sugar. Explain that the sweetest part of the story is that Jesus died because He loves us. He wants us to know Him and to belong to Him. Read Ps 34:8 and John 3:16.
7. Beat with a mixer on high speed for 12 to 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 Isaiah 1:16 and John 3:1-3.
8. Fold in the broken nuts. Drop the mixture by teaspoons onto cookie sheet covered with wax paper. Explain that each mound represents the rocky tomb where Jesus' body was laid. Read Matt 27:57-60.
9. 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 Matt 27:65-66.
10. 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.
11. On Pascha/Easter morning, or when you return from the midnight service, open the oven and give everyone a cookie. Notice the cracked surface and take a bite. The cookies are hollow! On the first Pascha/Easter, Jesus' followers were amazed to find the tomb open and empty. Read Matt 28:1-9.

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