## **EASTER COOKIE RECIPE**

## Make cookies with your children to teach the true meaning of EASTER! Start a family tradition early!

"Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures and that He was buried, and that He rose again on the third day according to the Scriptures.!"

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

You Need: Help & permission from Parents!

1 cup whole pecans
1 teaspoon vinegar
3 egg whites
pinch of salt
1 cup sugar
ziplock baggie
wooden spoon
tape
Bible

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## Preheat the oven to 300 (this is important-don't wait 'til you're half-done with the recipe)

1. Place the pecans in the baggie and let the kids beat them with the wooden spoon to break them into pieces. The Bible tells us in John 19:1-3 that after Jesus was arrested, He was beaten by the Roman soldiers.

Read John 19:1-3

2. Put the vinegar into a mixing bowl. Let each child smell the vinegar.

The Bible tells us in John 19:28-30 that when Jesus was on the cross and he became thirsty, He was offered vinegar to drink.

Read John 19:28-30

3. Add the egg whites to the vinegar. The eggs represent life.

The Bible tells us in John 10:10-11 that Jesus gave His life so that we could have life.

Read John 10:10-11

4. Sprinkle a little salt into each child's hand and let them taste it. Put the rest into the bowl.

The Bible tells us in Luke 23:27 that Jesus' followers cried. The salt represents the salty tears shed by Jesus' followers, and the bitterness of our own sin.

Read Luke 23:27

5. So far the ingredients are not very appetizing. Add 1 cup of sugar.

The sweetest part of the Easter story is that Jesus died because He loves us. He wants us to know and belong to Him. Psalm 34:8 and John 3:16 in the Bible tells us about His love.

Read Psalm 34:8 and John 3:16

6. Beat the egg whites with a mixer on high speed for 12 to 15 minutes, until stiff peaks form.

The color white represents the purity in God's eyes of those whose sins have been cleansed by Jesus.

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

7. Fold in the broken nuts. Drop by teaspoons onto a wax paper cookie sheet.

Each mound represents the rocky tomb where Jesus body was laid to rest and the Bible tells us about the tomb where Jesus was laid in Matthew 27:57-60.

Read Matt. 27:57-60

- 8. Put the cookie sheet in the oven, close the door and turn the oven off.
- 9. Give each child a piece of tape and seal the door.

The Bible tells us in Matthew 27:65-66 that Jesus' tomb was sealed.

Read Matt. 27:65-66

10. Go to bed.

Tell your children they may feel sad to leave the cookies in the oven overnight and that the Bible tells us in John 16:20-22 that Jesus' followers were in despair when the tomb was sealed and they had to leave his body.

Read John 16:20-22

11. On Easter morning, open the oven and give everyone a cookie. Point out the cracked surface and take a bite. The cookies are hollow! The Bible tells us in Matthew 28:1-9 that ON THE FIRST EASTER, Jesus' followers were amazed to find His tomb empty.

Read Matt. 28: 1-9

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