

RESURRECTION COOKIES

CALIFORNIA TRADITION FOR EASTER EVE

INGREDIENTS & SUPPLIES

1 CUP WHOLE PECANS
1 CUP SUGAR
WOODEN SPOON
COOKIE SHEET

1 TSP VINEGAR
PINCH OF SALT
TAPE
BIBLE

3 EGG WHITES
ZIPPER BAGGIE
WAX PAPER

DIRECTIONS:

PREHEAT OVEN TO 350 DEGREES F.

PLACE PECANS IN ZIPPER BAGGIE AND LET KIDS CRUSH THEM WITH THE WOODEN SPOON TO BREAK INTO SMALL PIECES. **READ JOHN 19:1-3** EXPLAIN THAT AFTER JESUS WAS ARRESTED, HE WAS BEATEN BY THE ROMANS.

LET THE KIDS SMELL THE VINEGAR. PUT 1 TSP VINEGAR INTO A MIXING BOWL. **READ JOHN 19:28-30** EXPLAIN THAT WHEN JESUS WAS THIRSTY ON THE CROSS, HE WAS GIVEN VINEGAR TO DRINK.

ADD EGG WHITES TO VINEGAR. **READ JOHN 10:10-11**
EGGS REPRESENT LIFE. EXPLAIN THAT JESUS GAVE HIS LIFE TO GIVE US LIFE.

SPRINKLE A LITTLE SALT INTO EACH CHILD'S HAND. LET THEM TASTE IT. ADD A PINCH TO THE BOWL. **READ LUKE 23:27** EXPLAIN THAT THE SALT REPRESENTS THE SALTY TEARS SHED BY JESUS' FOLLOWERS AND ALSO REPRESENTS THE BITTERNESS OF OUR OWN SINS.

ADD 1 CUP SUGAR. **READ PSALM 34:8 & JOHN 3:16** EXPLAIN THAT THE SWEETEST PART OF THE STORY IS THAT JESUS DIED BECAUSE HE LOVES US. HE WANTS US TO KNOW HIM AND BELONG TO HIM.

BEAT WITH A MIXER ON HIGH SPEED FOR 12 - 15 MINUTES UNTIL STIFF PEAKS ARE FORMED. **READ ISAIAH 1:18 & JOHN 3:1-3** EXPLAIN THAT THE COLOR WHITE REPRESENTS PURITY IN GOD'S EYES OF THOSE WHOSE SINS HAVE BEEN CLEANSED BY JESUS.

FOLD IN NUTS CAREFULLY. THEN DROP MIXTURE BY TEASPOONS ONTO A WAX PAPER COVERED COOKIE SHEET. **READ MATTHEW 27:57-60** EXPLAIN THAT EACH MOUND REPRESENTS THE ROCKY TOMB WHERE JESUS' BODY WAS LAIN. PUT THE COOKIE SHEET INTO THE OVEN, CLOSE THE DOOR, AND TURN THE OVEN **OFF. (DO NOT BAKE)** GIVE EACH KID A PIECE OF TAPE AND SEAL THE OVEN DOOR. **READ MATTHEW 27:65-66** EXPLAIN THAT JESUS' TOMB WAS SEALED.

GO TO BED! **READ JOHN 16:20 & 22** EXPLAIN TO THEM THAT THEY MAY FEEL SAD TO LEAVE THE COOKIES IN THE OVEN OVER NIGHT. JESUS' FOLLOWERS WERE IN DESPAIR WHEN THE TOMP WAS SEALED AND THEY HAD TO LEAVE.

ON RESURRECTION MORNING, OPEN THE OVEN WITH THE KIDS AND GIVE EVERYONE A COOKIE. NOTICE THE CRACKED SURFACE AND TAKE A BITE. THE COOKIES, LIKE THE TOMB, ARE HOLLOW/EMPTY! ON THE FIRST RESURRECTION MORNING, JESUS' FOLLOWERS WERE AMAZED AND SURPRISED TO FIND THE TOMB OPEN AND EMPTY! **READ MATTHEW 28:1-9**

HE HAS RISEN! HE HAS RISEN, INDEED!