

## EASTER COOKIES

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Enjoy this parent and child recipe the evening before Easter. I suggest you make these cookies just before bedtime. Easter morning can begin with shouts of "He's Alive!" as you wake the kiddos and explain the Bible says, "Jesus is alive."

After briefly telling the story about Jesus' resurrection, go and check on the cookies. They will also be empty on the inside.



### INGREDIENTS:

1 cup whole pecans  
1 teaspoon vinegar  
3 egg whites  
pinch salt  
1 cup sugar

### PLUS, you'll need these:

zipper baggie  
wooden spoon  
mixing bowl  
electric mixer  
waxed-paper-covered cookie sheet  
an oven  
tape  
your Bible



1. Preheat your oven to 300 degrees.
2. Place the pecans in the zipper baggie, and let children beat the pecans with the wooden spoon to break them into small pieces. Explain that after Jesus was arrested, He was beaten by the Roman soldiers. Read John 19:1-3.
3. Let each child smell the vinegar. Put 1 t. vinegar into the mixing bowl. Explain that when Jesus was thirsty on the cross, 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 each child 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. (So far the ingredients are not very appetizing.)
6. Add 1 c. sugar. Explain that the sweetest part of the story is that Jesus died because He loves us. He wants us to know and to belong to Him. Read Ps. 34:8 and John 3:16.
7. Beat everything with a mixer on high speed for 12-15 min. 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. Read Isa. 1:18 and John 3:1-3.
8. Fold in the broken nuts. Drop by teaspoons onto waxed-paper-covered cookie sheet. Explain that each mound represents the rocky tomb where Jesus' body was laid. Read Matt. 27:57-60 Put the sheet of unbaked cookies into the oven; close the door, and turn the oven OFF. (Just make sure that the oven was at 300 degrees BEFORE you turned it off.) Give each child a piece of tape, and seal the oven door. Explain that Jesus' tomb was sealed. Read Matt. 27:65-66.



*Acknowledge to each child that he may feel sad or confused to leave the cookies in the oven overnight. Jesus' followers were in despair when the tomb was sealed. Read John 16:20 and 22.*

