

## Easter Story Cookies

To be made the evening before Easter

### Supplies

1 cup whole pecans	mixer
1 teaspoon vinegar	mixing bowl
3 egg whites	spatula
pinch salt	waxed paper
1 cup sugar	cookies sheet
plastic zip bag	Bible
wooden spoon or rolling pin	
tape	

### Instructions

*Important:* Preheat oven to 300° F (150° C) before you start making the cookies. (Don't wait until you're halfway through.)

Place pecans in a zip bag. Let your child break them into small pieces by beating them with a wooden spoon or rolling pin.

**After Jesus was arrested, soldiers beat him.** Read John 19:1-3.

Let your child smell and taste vinegar. Help your child put 1 teaspoon vinegar into mixing bowl. **When Jesus was thirsty on the cross, people gave him vinegar to drink.** Read John 19:28-30.

Add 3 egg whites to vinegar. **Eggs stand for life. Jesus gave his life so that we could have new life.** Read John 10:10-11, which is Jesus talking.

Let your child taste a little salt. Let him or her put a pinch of salt into bowl. **The salt stands for Jesus' friends' salty tears and the bitterness of our sin.** Read Luke 23:27.

**So far the ingredients are kind of bitter.** Add 1 cup sugar. **The sweet part of the story is that Jesus died for us because he loves us. He died so that we could know him and belong to him.** Read John 3:16.

Beat with mixer on high for 12-15 minutes until stiff peaks are formed. The peaks should stand straight when the beaters are removed. **The Bible says we can be white and clean as snow when Jesus takes away our sins—the wrong things we think and do.** Read Isaiah 1:18. **Jesus died to take the punishment for our sins so that we could be forgiven.**

Fold in pecans gently. Cover cookie sheet with waxed paper. Drop mixture by teaspoon onto cookie sheet. **Each glob stands for the tomb where Jesus' body was put.** Read Matthew 27:57-60.

Put cookie sheet in oven and close door. Turn oven off right away. Let your child "seal" the oven door with tape. **Jesus' tomb was sealed with a huge stone.** Read Matthew 27:65-66.

Leave cookies in oven overnight with door closed. **You may feel sad to leave the cookies. Jesus' friends were very sad to leave Jesus dead in the tomb.** Read John 16:20, 22, which is Jesus talking to his friends.

On Easter morning, unseal the oven and open it. **On Easter morning, an angel came and rolled the stone away from Jesus' tomb!** Read Matthew 28:1-4.

Give your child a cookie. **Look how the cookie is cracked.** Now take a bite. The cookie will be hollow. **Jesus' followers found the tomb open—and empty. Jesus was alive again! Jesus came back to life so that we could have forgiveness and a new life! He is alive and always with us.** Read Matthew 28:5-9.

