Resurrection Cookies to be made on Saturday night

Ingredients

- 1 cup pecan halves or one-half cup pecans and one-half cup chocolate chips.
  If there is a nut allergy, only use the chocolate chips.
- 1 teaspoon distilled white vinegar
- 3 egg whites
- 1 pinch salt
- 1 cup white sugar

Other Supplies:

- Parchment paper
- Masking or painter's tape
- Bible

These cookies are great to do with the kids. They are to be prepared the night before Easter.

The spiritual preparation goes along with the physical preparation of the cookies.
You eat the cookies Easter morning as you celebrate the empty tomb. The cookies are hollow and empty just like the tomb.

Preheat oven to 300 degrees before you start.

Step one: Place the pecans in a sealed baggie. Beat the pecans with a wooden spoon represents that Jesus was arrested and beaten by Roman soldiers. (Read John 19:1-3).

Step two: Have the children smell the vinegar and talk about how Jesus was forced to drink it when he was thirsty on the cross. It is added to the bowl. (Read John 19:28-30)

Step three: Egg whites are added. Eggs represent life and that by giving His life, Jesus gave us eternal life. The eggs remind us that Jesus gave his life to give us life abundantly. (Read John 10:10-11)

Step four: Give each child a little salt in their hand and encouraged to taste it. The salt represents the salty tears that were shed by Jesus' followers and the bitterness of our sin. A pinch of salt is added to the bowl. (Read Luke 23:27)

Step five: Sugar is added to show that the sweetest part of the story is that Jesus died because He loves us. (Read Psalm 34:8 and John 3:16)

Step six: The egg whites are beat to form peaks and the white color represents the purity of Jesus, our Savior. Beat with mixer on high speed for 12 to 15 minutes until stiff peaks are formed. (Read Isaiah 1:18)

Step seven: Fold in the nuts (and chocolate chips) and drop by teaspoons onto parchment paper covered cookie sheet. Each mound represents the rocky tomb where Jesus' body was placed. (Read Matthew 27:57-60)

Step eight: Place cookie sheet in heated oven. The oven is immediately turned OFF when the cookies are placed inside. Use masking tape to seal the oven just as the tomb was sealed. Leave the cookies in the oven overnight. Your child might feel sad to leave the cookies in the oven overnight. Jesus' followers were very sad when the tomb was sealed. (Read John 16:20-22)

On Easter morning open the oven and give everyone a cookie. As they take a bite, they will discover that the cookies are hollow. Just as on the first Easter morning Jesus' followers discovered the empty tomb. (Read Matthew 28:1-9)