

FAMILY TRADITIONS

Easter Eve Cookies

Make the cookies below on the night before Easter and share with your family the story of Jesus' death and resurrection.

Ingredients:

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

Recipe:

Preheat oven to 330 degrees.
Beat 1 cup of pecans into small pieces. Then set them aside for later use.
Pour 1 teaspoon of vinegar into the mixing bowl.
Add 3 egg whites.
Add a pinch of salt.
Add 1 cup of sugar.
Beat with a mixer on high speed for 10 to 15 minutes until stiff peaks form.
Fold in the pecan pieces.
Cover a cookie sheet with wax paper.
Drop by teaspoon fulls on the cookie sheet.
Put the cookies in the oven, turn it OFF, and let them cook overnight.
Remove the cookies on Easter morning and enjoy.

Easter Eve Cookies Continued...

Preheat oven to 330 degrees.

Let us make some Easter cookies,
And hear a tale that's true,
Of how Jesus died and rose again,
Because of His love for you.
So grab what you need,
And pull up your sleeves,
Then preheat your oven,
To 330 degrees.
"Why 330?"
You might say.
Because John 3:30,
Is the verse for the day.

"He [Jesus] must become greater; I must become less."

John 3:30

Easter Eve Cookies Continued...

Beat 1 cup of pecans into
small pieces.

Take one cup of pecans,
But before adding them to the bowl,
Take a spoon and beat them up,
Until they're no longer whole.
Remember that Jesus was beaten too,
Hurt from head to toe,
And by His stripes we are healed.
That's how He loves you so!
Now take the pecans and set them aside,
You'll need them in a bit.
And consider how anyone could reject,
The Savior the soldier's hit?

"But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; The punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by His wounds we are healed."

Isaiah 53:5

Easter Eve Cookies Continued...

Pour 1 tsp. of vinegar into the mixing
bowl.

Vinegar was given to Jesus,
As He was dying for our sin.
So take the bottle and fill one teaspoon,
Then pour it right on in.
And catch a whiff of that smell.
You'll probably think it's bad.
It's to remind us of Jesus' agony,
And the suffering that He had.

"Later, knowing that all was now completed, and so that the Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, 'I am thirsty.' A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips."

John 19:28-29

Easter Eve Cookies Continued...

Put 3 egg whites in the mixing bowl.

Now take three eggs and crack them open,
But before you put them in,
Remove the yoke and throw it out,
And hear me once again.
The yoke stands for impurity,
And the bad things we have done.
So throw sin out,
And give yourself to God's only Son.

*"God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him
we might become the righteousness of God."
2 Corinthians 5:21*

Easter Eve Cookies Continued...

Add a pinch of salt to the mixing
bowl.

Spinkle some salt in your hand,
And take a taste or two.
How do you feel? What do you want?
A drink when your through?
You are the salt of the world.
That's what Jesus said.
To make people thirsty for something more,
Like a Savior who rose from the dead.
Now take a pinch and throw it in,
And remember who you are.
You're salt. You're light. You're loved by God.
You are His shining star.

*"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness,
how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for
anything anymore, except to be thrown out and trampled by
men. You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be
hidden."*

Matthew 5:13-14

Easter Eve Cookies Continued...

Add 1 cup of sugar in the mixing bowl.

Stir your blend and mix it up,
How does it look to you?
Not very good? Not very tasty?
And yet we're almost through.
Now fill one cup with sugar,
And pour it in the bowl.
The sweetest part of this story is,
Jesus died to save your soul.

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

Romans 5:8

Easter Eve Cookies Continued...

Beat with a mixer on high speed for 10 to 15 minutes until stiff peaks form.

Beat with a mixer on high speed,
For thirteen minutes long.
Until peaks rise that symbolize,
The mountains of our wrong.
Who could remove such high peaks,
Of error and mistake?
Only Jesus Christ, the Righteous,
The bond of sin can break.
To set you free and make you clean,
And make you whole once more,
And give you heaven and life worth living,
That's why your sins He bore.
The white you see stands for His purity,
That He never went astray,
Tempted like us but without sin,
He chose the righteous way.
And offered Himself on the cross,
As a holy sacrifice.
Who could ignore Him? Who could reject Him,
And His offer of eternal life?

"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet was without sin."

Hebrews 4:15

Easter Eve Cookies Continued...

Fold in the pecan pieces.

Now fold the pecans that you beat,
 Into the cookie mix.
Each little piece stands for a time,
 When we fell for Satan's tricks.
Yes, we've all sinned and made mistakes,
 And walked a different way,
But it's not too late to turn around,
And let Him save your soul today.

*"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."
Romans 3:23*

Easter Eve Cookies Continued...

Cover a cookie sheet with wax paper.

Grab the wax paper and pull some off,
And cover your cookie pan,
And remember the covering the Savior gave,
As nails pierced His hand.
By His blood salvation came
Through the breaking of His heart,
To raise you from sin and the death within,
And give you a brand new start.
True life is more than existence and breath,
And making it through the day,
It's joy; It's peace; It's love and living,
With the Savior in every way.

*"'Come now, let us reason together,' Says the Lord. 'Though
your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.'"
Isaiah 1:18*

Easter Eve Cookies Continued...

Drop by teaspoon fulls on the cookie sheet.

Drop by teaspoons on the wax paper,
The mix that you have made.
Each little mound reminds us still,
Of the tomb where Jesus was laid.
Now put the cookies in the oven,
And close the door again.
And remember the price that Jesus paid,
To buy us back from sin.
Now take some tape and seal the door,
And remember the stone they used,
To block the entrance to the grave,
With His body so abused.

“So Joseph bought some linen cloth, took down the body, wrapped it in the linen, and placed it in a tomb cut out of rock. Then he rolled a stone against the entrance of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where he was laid.”

Mark 15:46-47

Easter Eve Cookies Continued...

Put the cookies in the oven, turn it OFF, and let them cook overnight.

His disciples were grieved, distressed, and sad.
They had a broken heart.
You may be sad to leave these cookies,
But that is also your next part.
It's time for you to go to bed,
To wait throughout the night,
And come and check these cookies again,
At the dawn of Easter light.

“Mary Magdalene went to the disciples with the news: ‘I have seen the Lord!’”

John 20:18

Easter Eve Cookies Continued...

Remove the cookies on Easter morning
and enjoy.

When certain followers came Easter day,
An empty tomb was there,
And angels greeted and sent them away,
With great news to go and share.
Death was defeated. The tomb was torn open.
The Savior had been raised.
“Jesus is alive!” the disciples were told,
And they were all amazed.
When you come tomorrow morning,
Looking for a cookie for you to swallow,
You’ll take a bite and look with wonder,
These cookies are empty and hollow.
Just like the tomb so long ago,
Where Jesus’ body was laid.
But He’s not dead. He’s risen again!
And a way to heaven made.
So if you’re not sure about your soul,
Remember His sacrifice.
He’s the only way to heaven, you know.
Why not give to Him your life?