**Easter Cookie Story**
To be made the evening before Easter, or whenever you want to give this lesson. I’ve actually had to open the oven early because of a limited time frame, but over-night gives best results.

**You will need:**
1c. whole pecans
1 tsp. vinegar
3 egg whites
a pinch salt
1c. sugar
zipper baggie
wooden spoon
tape
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1. Preheat oven to 300

2. Place pecans in zipper baggie and let children beat them with the wooden spoon to break into small pieces. **Explain that after Jesus was arrested, the Roman soldiers beat him**. Read [John 19:1-3](http://www.biblestudytools.com/search/?t=niv&q=joh+19:1-3).

3. Let each child smell the vinegar. Put 1 tsp. vinegar into mixing bowl. **Explain that when Jesus was thirsty on the cross he was given vinegar to drink**. Read [John 19:28-30](http://www.biblestudytools.com/search/?t=niv&q=joh+19:28-30).

4. Add egg whites to vinegar. Eggs represent life. **Explain that Jesus gave His life to give us life**. Read [John 10:10-11](http://www.biblestudytools.com/search/?t=niv&q=joh+10:10-11).

5. Sprinkle a little salt into each child's hand. Let them taste it and 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](http://www.biblestudytools.com/search/?t=niv&q=lu+23:27).

6. So far the ingredients are not very appetizing. Add 1c. sugar. **Explain that the sweetest part of the story is that Jesus died because He loves us.** He wants us to know and belong to Him. Read [Ps. 34:8](http://www.biblestudytools.com/search/?t=niv&q=ps+34:8) and [John 3:16](http://www.biblestudytools.com/search/?t=niv&q=joh+3:16).

7. Beat with a mixer on high speed for 12 to 15 minutes 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 Isaiah. 1:18 and [John 3:1-3](http://www.biblestudytools.com/search/?t=niv&q=joh+3:1-3).

8. Fold in broken nuts. Drop by teaspoons onto wax paper covered cookie sheet. **Explain that each mound represents the rocky tomb where Jesus' body was laid**. Read [Matt. 27:57-60](http://www.biblestudytools.com/search/?t=niv&q=mt+27:57-60).

9. Put the cookie sheet in the oven, close the door and turn the oven OFF. Give each child a piece of tape and seal the oven door. **Explain that Jesus' tomb was sealed**. Read Matt.27:65-66.

10. GO TO BED! **Explain that they may feel sad to leave the cookies in the oven overnight**. Jesus' followers were in despair when the tomb was sealed. Read [John 16:20](http://www.biblestudytools.com/search/?t=niv&q=joh+16:20) and 22.

11. On Easter morning, open the oven and give everyone a cookie. Notice the cracked surface and take a bite. The cookies are hollow! **On the first Easter Jesus' followers were amazed to find the tomb open and empty**.