

Creative Cuisine to Make with Grandchildren

Chocolate Crown of Thorns

This creative and easy project is a great idea for Holy Week - possibly Good Friday!



Here's what you will need:

a bag of pretzel sticks
chocolate to melt (your choice)
wax paper

You can melt your chocolate on the stove top or in the microwave. We tend to use the microwave. Simply throw a handful of pretzel sticks into your melted chocolate, and mix. Remove the chocolate covered sticks one at a time before they start to harden and start building your crown on a piece of wax paper. Place the pretzel sticks at hard angles to get the thorny look. We usually make our about 6 to 7 inches in diameter. Be sure to coat the pretzel sticks well with chocolate and you'll end up with a solid and sturdy crown.

Use your chocolate crown of thorns to adorn an Easter cake. Or, fill it with candy eggs on Sunday, transforming your Lenten crown into a Easter bird's nest. This project is fun for all ages!



It's a creative way to tell the story of Jesus's burial and resurrection. Here's the recipe and the story to tell while assembling the rolls. Enjoy and have fun celebrating the truth that our Savior is risen!

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

2 Cans of Crescent Rolls
16 large marshmallows
½ C melted butter
¼ C granulated sugar
2 TBSP cinnamon

The story (*Note: you may want to modify for younger children*)

Jesus is God's son who was sent to earth to pay the price for our sin. He never sinned. The white of this marshmallow represents the purity and sin-free nature of Christ.

After Jesus died his body was prepared for burial. After he was buried, his friends prepared him to be buried with oil and spices. Dip the marshmallow in butter, then in sugar and cinnamon.

Jesus was wrapped in linen and placed in a tomb with a large rock rolled in front. Wrap the marshmallow in one triangle of dough covering it completely like a ball (rock).

Complete the process for all 16 triangles and marshmallows.

Place in the oven for 10-12 minutes.

Allow rolls to cool. Say after 3 days, his friends went to visit the tomb but the rock was rolled away and two angels said, "Why are you looking for the living among the dead?"

Reveal that when you cut open a roll or take a bite that the marshmallow has disappeared, leaving an empty "tomb."

Remind children that the rolls are sweet just like the love God has for us.

Follow-up by reading the Easter story together from the Bible so that children know that it is true and that Jesus died for them and wants to be their savior. Pray with children, thanking God for the gift of Jesus.