

Resurrection Rolls with Explanation for kids

Ingredients Needed To Make Resurrection Rolls:

- Canned Crescent Rolls
- 3 Tbs of Butter
- Small bowl of Cinnamon/Sugar Mixture (3 Tbs sugar + 1 Tbs cinnamon)
- 8 Large Marshmallows (or the number of crescent rolls you have)
- Parchment Paper or aluminum foil

How To Make Resurrection Rolls:

Before beginning, melt your butter, preheat your oven to 350 degrees. Also, cover your pan in parchment paper or aluminum foil. (Because believe-you-me... those melted marshmallows are going to make *some kind* of a mess if you don't!)

Tell your children something like this (The Easter story you tell will vary depending on the age of the children you're working with.)

“Jesus was completely perfect and pure. He never sinned or did anything wrong. Even so, there were some people who didn't like him because he said he was God. They crucified him, and he died on the cross on Good Friday. It was very sad. A man named Joseph took his body down from the cross.”

Give them each a marshmallow. Then tell them:

“This marshmallow represents the body of Jesus. It is white because Jesus was pure from sin. Back during Jesus' time, they prepared bodies for burial by putting special oils and spices on the body. The butter and the cinnamon-sugar represent these oils and spices.”

Have them dip the marshmallow first in the melted butter, and roll it around. Then, roll it in the cinnamon-sugar mixture.

“Next, they wrapped Jesus' body in a white cloth, kinda like a mummy. We're going to wrap up our marshmallows like Jesus' body was wrapped in cloth.”

Place the marshmallows on the crescent rolls, and wrap them up. Pinch all the seams shut as well as possible. They will look like dough balls when you're finished.

Now, place your rolls in the oven, and tell your kids:

“Then, they placed Jesus' body in a tomb cut in stone. It was kind of like a cave. They sealed it with a big heavy rock so that no one could get in, and placed soldiers in front of the tomb to guard it!”

Bake the rolls for 10 to 12 minutes until they are golden brown. Before removing them from the oven, tell your kids:

“Jesus was in the tomb for 3 days, and then he rose from the dead!”

Remove the resurrection rolls from your oven. Some of the melted marshmallow probably escaped, but that's ok, because you used parchment paper.

Allow the rolls to cool for about 10 minutes before moving on.

Now, you cut the roll in half to reveal that it's empty inside! Then you tell your kids:
"When Jesus rose from the dead on the third day, the tomb was empty, just like our rolls are empty inside! It's just like an empty tomb!"

Now, eat your resurrection rolls! Tell your kids:
"These rolls are sweet, just like the resurrection story! Jesus died to save us from our sins. He loves you very much!"

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