

Resurrection Rolls

Ingredients:

- 1 (8 ounce) package refrigerated crescent rolls
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon
- 1/4 cup butter, melted
- 8 large marshmallows

1. Prepare the ingredients. You can have kids help you with these steps, or you can have them all ready ahead of time.

- Turn oven to 375°.
- Place butter in a small bowl and melt in the microwave for 15-20 seconds.
- Mix cinnamon and sugar together in one bowl
- Spray the muffin tin with non-stick cooking spray

2. Hand out marshmallows and begin explaining the resurrection rolls story.

Explain: The marshmallow represents Jesus: Pure, white, sinless and perfect. Unfortunately, even though Jesus was perfect, there were people who hated him. They wanted him dead. So they crucified him on a cross and left him to die there.

Bible verses: Luke 23:1-49

2. Roll the marshmallow in the melted butter, then in the cinnamon sugar mixture.

Explain: Jesus's friends and family were very sad when Jesus died. They loved him. When he died, they anointed his body with oil, just like we rolled the marshmallow in butter. But what Jesus's disciples didn't know was that Jesus didn't JUST die. He also took all of our sins upon himself. He took

our punishment so we wouldn't have to! See how the cinnamon looks dirty on Jesus's body? The cinnamon represents our sin that Jesus took away when he died.

Bible verses: Romans 5:8, 1 Peter 2:24, Isaiah 53:5, 1 Corinthians 15:3

3. Carefully wrap each marshmallow in a crescent roll and seal every seam.

Explain: Jesus's friends and family didn't know this, though. They thought he was just dead. So they buried him in a tomb. The rulers and authorities who wanted Jesus dead were afraid people would steal his body and claim Jesus rose from the dead. So they made sure the tomb was sealed and they even put guards in front to make sure no one could get in.

This resurrection crescent roll represents Jesus's tomb. Can you see the marshmallow in there? You can't, because the tomb is sealed up tightly. Nothing can get in or out.

Bible verses: Matthew 27:57-66

4. Place Resurrection Rolls in muffin tin, making sure to put the seam side down. Cook until the buns are lightly browned, usually 10-12 minutes.

Explain: Jesus was dead. How do you think his disciples and followers felt? (Spend some time talking about all the different feelings they may have had: hopeless, sad, scared, confused, angry)

5. Let the buns cool completely.

Explain: Three days later, some of Jesus's friends and family went back to his tomb. They wanted to put oil and spices on his body to make it smell better and not get too stinky. But, when they came to his tomb, they saw the most incredible thing! Do you know what it was?

(Cut the roll open – the marshmallow should be gone)

The tomb was empty! Jesus has defeated death!

Bible verses: Luke 24:1-12, Luke 22:69, John 14:3

Eat and enjoy!