

## Resurrection Rolls (Empty Tombs) Instructions

### What You'll Need

- 1 Package of 8 Crescent Rolls
- 8 Marshmallows (large)
- 3 Tbsp Melted Butter
- 3 Tbsp Sugar
- 1 Tbsp Cinnamon
- 1 Baking Sheet
- Parchment Paper

### Before you Begin (with Kids):

- Turn oven to 375°
- Melt the butter 15-20 seconds
- Mix cinnamon and sugar together in one bowl
- Set ingredients out on the table
- Put the parchment paper on the baking sheet

### Instructions:

#### 1. Take One Marshmallow 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. They wanted him to be alive. They were sad and confused.

But what Jesus's disciples didn't know was that Jesus didn't JUST die. He also took all of our sins (*the bad things we do*) 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*

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#### 3. Carefully Wrap the Marshmallow in a Crescent Roll, Carefully Sealing 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 and closed the door tight with a huge rock so no one could get in or out. This 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: Luke 23:50-56*

#### 4. Place Resurrection Rolls on Baking Sheet; Invite Kids to Make Remaining Rolls.

*Invite kids to make the rest of the resurrection rolls recipe, then place in oven*

**Explain:** After Jesus's friends buried his body in the tomb, they left and went home for the night because it was getting late.

#### 5. Cook 'til Browned (see package directions). Remove from Oven. Continue Resurrection Rolls Story while Rolls are Cooling.

**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?

#### 6. Cut the roll open (*the marshmallow should be gone*)

**Explain:** The tomb was empty! Jesus came back from the dead and he's still alive today, watching over us and helping take care of us from Heaven!

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