Empty Tomb Rolls

an Easter Devotional for kids



Also called Resurrection Rolls, recipe at thatbreadlady.com

Introduction: God sent His son, Jesus, to Earth to teach us how live, love others, and obey His commandments. As part of God's plan, Jesus suffered and died for our sins so that we can be forgiven when we make mistakes, and return to live with Him one day.

Marshmallow: This represents Jesus' body. He was clean, perfect, and without sin.

Butter & Cinnamon Sugar: When He died, His friends prepared His body to bury with oil and spices. (*Dip the marshmallow in the melted butter and then in the cinnamon sugar.*)

Dough: They lovingly wrapped his body in cloth and laid Him in a tomb. They rolled a large stone in front of the tomb. (Wrap the dough around the marshmallow, pinch any open parts to seal the marshmallow inside the dough.)

Oven: (Represents his burial in the tomb - put the rolls in the oven to bake.) Jesus' body lay in the tomb for 3 days. His friends and followers were so sad, but Jesus had told them something special would happen three days after He died.

Melted Marshmallow & Empty Roll: (Let the rolls cool first.) On the third day, His friend Mary went to visit His tomb and saw that the rock was rolled away. (Cut the roll open - it should be hollow with a sugary, melted marshmallow syrup inside.) Jesus was gone! All that remained was the linen cloth they had wrapped Him in (the melted marshmallow liquid inside the bun represents the linens).

Mary thought someone bad had taken his body, but an angel appeared to her and said, "He is not here, for He is risen." (Matt 28:6). Mary ran to tell some of Jesus' followers. They returned to see Jesus, resurrected (raised from the dead). His spirit and body were together again.

Conclusion: Jesus overcame death. This is why we celebrate Easter. Just like Him, someday we will all be resurrected and made perfect. Jesus loved us enough to die for us. Because of His resurrection, we can have joy knowing someday we will be resurrected too. (John 5:28-29) We can thank Jesus for this gift by loving others, faithfully following God's commandments, and repenting when we make mistakes. God and Jesus love us this much!

More scriptures to prayerfully study and share about the miracle of Christ's Atonement & Resurrection:

- John 11:25-27 (The New Testament)
- 1 Corinthians 15:53-57 (The New Testament)
- Matthew 28 (The New Testament)
- Alma 11:43-45 (The Book of Mormon)

