



## WHAT TO DO

Make chocolate pretzel crowns to celebrate the birth of Jesus, who is the King of all kings. Use the recipe provided. As you enjoy the treats, remember the valuable gifts the wise men brought when they came to worship Jesus. Name reasons you are thankful for Jesus. Talk about ways you can worship God for His gift of Jesus. (OR buy a premade birthday cake and candles. Light the candles and sing “Happy Birthday” to Jesus.)

## Chocolate Pretzel Crowns Recipe

### INGREDIENTS

- 24 pretzels (mini or square)
- 24 chocolate kisses (unwrapped)
- 24 coated chocolate candies
- Sprinkles or other edible decorations
- Optional: premade birthday cake

### SUPPLIES

- Large baking sheet
- Parchment paper
- Oven and oven mitt
- Kitchen potholders
- Optional: birthday candles

### DIRECTIONS

1. Preheat the oven to 350°F. (Grownups only!)
2. Line a large baking sheet with parchment paper. Lay the pretzels out in a single layer on the baking sheet. Top each pretzel with an unwrapped chocolate kiss.
3. Place in oven. Bake for 2-4 minutes or until the candies have just started to soften.
4. Remove from oven. Place baking sheet on potholders. (Grownups only!)
5. Gently press a chocolate candy into the top of each chocolate kiss. Kids can help, but watch out for the hot baking sheet and hot candies. Top with sprinkles or other edible decorations.

6. Let sit for 10 minutes or until chocolate has set.
7. Enjoy the snack. Store extras in an airtight container.

## **QUICK OPTION**

Have family members use whatever they can find in your refrigerator or pantry to create no-bake “gifts” for one another. (Examples: jelly and cracker treats, a snack bag of cereal and pretzel mix, a shiny apple, pudding or gelatin cups) Talk about how the wise men gave gifts to Jesus and how Jesus is a gift from God to us. Then discuss what gift you would bring to Jesus if you could visit Him like the wise men did.

## **SUPPLIES**

- Refrigerator or pantry items you already have (jelly, crackers, cereal, pretzels, apples, pudding or gelatin cups, etc.)
- Paper plates, napkins, snack bags as needed