

Hallowe'en

Some ideas for all people and places

All Hallow's Eve

CONNECT

Light up your church, home, school with fairy lights or battery candles so those passing by can see the lights.

Carve pumpkins with hearts, candles, crosses, smiley faces... Make a display at home, church or school. Have a competition for the best carving.

Play an 'opposites' game. Children stand in a socially distanced circle. Call out two opposites and children choose which one they prefer and step in for one out for the other. For example: summer/winter – take a step in to choose summer and a step out to choose winter. Then step back to places to start again. Can the children think of any opposites too?

Risk assess this activity and use a COVID secure way to keep the children socially distanced.



CREATE

Shine the light: On an A4 plastic wallet, draw a picture. Then put a white, torch shaped piece of paper in to shine the light on your picture.

This one uses a 'Hallowe'en' theme but you can draw stars, lights, candles, sweets-anything bright and colourful
Some images to use:

<http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/search/label/light>

Make soul cakes and pray for your family and friends.
Recipe

Create a saints trail. Hang/place brightly coloured, sheets around for children to find and complete the saints trail sheet. Resources on the link below.

Chalk out a saint's story for children to follow. Find instructions for St Cedd's story in the resources link below.

REFLECT

Think about what a saint might be like. What three things could you do to be more 'saint-like'? Try those things for a week, then a month, then keep going!

Ideas: praying, reading the bible, showing kindness, offering to help out at home, sending a card or message to someone...

Read Rhys's thoughts about Hallowe'en and discuss his views and experiences with the children.

Wrap up warm and go outside to look at the stars. Take some hot chocolate with you or have it waiting for when you get back inside if the children are younger. You could even have a zoom hot chocolate with other families and talk about what you saw.

<https://astronomynow.com/uk-sky-chart/> allows you to put the date and time in to view the sky.

Psalm 8:1-5 and Psalm 147:3-4 both remind us that God created the night sky and each one of us.



RESOURCES

All instructions and resources here

World Vision Pumpkin heroes

Two booklets for children from Scripture Union

Activity and story ideas from BRF

<https://ideas.brf.org.uk/topics/Halloween>

<https://ideas.brf.org.uk/topics/all-saints>

Light colouring sheet

<http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/search/label/light>

10 of Those often have book offers

For background reading:

N Harding, Seasons and Saints (Cambridge: Grove Books, 2019)



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