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Halloween & Trick-or-Treating





A Social Story About What to Expect and Making Choices

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Halloween Is Coming!



Halloween is on October 31.
People may decorate their homes. wear costumes. and enjoy special treats.
Some people like Halloween. Others do not.
There are many ways to celebrate!

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What Is Trick-or-Treating?



On Halloween, some children visit houses to collect candy or other treats. This is called trick-or-treating. Children usually go with a trusted adult. We visit houses, collect treats, and then go home.

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People Wear Costumes!



On Halloween, I might see superheroes,
monsters, witches, or ghosts.
Some costumes look funny.
Others might look scary.
The people inside the costumes are still
regular people.
Costumes are pretend!

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I Can Choose My Costume!



Some children enjoy dressing up.
Costumes can feel different from everyday clothes.
I can choose something comfortable.
I can also wear my regular clothes.
I can enjoy Halloween either way!

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Getting Ready to Go!







Before trick-or-treating, we get ready.
I might bring a candy bucket, flashlight,
or headphones.
My family can show me where we are
going and when we will come home.
We can practice our plan before we leave.

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Visiting a House



Some houses have Halloween decorations
and lights.
These houses may be giving out candy.
When we arrive, we might knock or
ring the doorbell.
Sometimes someone answers quickly.
Sometimes we wait.
If nobody answers, we can visit another house.

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Trick or Treat!



When someone opens the door, children often say,
"Trick or treat!"
This means they are asking for a Halloween treat.
I can say the words, use my communication device,
show a card, or gesture.
My adult can help me communicate.
There is more than one way to participate!

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Getting My Candy



Sometimes people offer a bowl of candy.
Sometimes I might receive a treat I do not like.
I can keep it in my bucket and decide what to do with it later.
They might tell me how many pieces to take.
I can put my candy in my bucket.
I can say "Thank you." wave. or smile if I want to.

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Halloween Can Be Loud!



Halloween can have bright lights, loud noises, and lots of people.

Some decorations move or make surprising sounds.

These things are meant to be pretend, but they can still feel scary.

If something bothers me, I can move away.

My feelings matter.

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I Can Take a Break!



Sometimes Halloween feels exciting.
Sometimes it feels overwhelming.
If I need a break, I can:
Tell my adult or use my communication device.
Wear headphones.
Move somewhere quieter.
Take a break or go home.
I can ask for help whenever I need it.

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Staying Safe on Halloween



Halloween can be busy, especially after dark.
My trusted adult helps me stay safe.
We stay together and watch for cars.
We stay outside other people's homes.
If I need help, I can tell my trusted adult.

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Going Home!



When we are finished trick-or-treating, we go home.
At home, I can look through my treats with my family.
We can check which treats are safe for me to eat.
I can change into comfortable clothes and relax.
Halloween is over, and I can enjoy a quiet evening!

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Halloween, My Way!



Some children visit lots of houses.
Some children visit a few.
Others celebrate at home.
I can make choices, ask for help, and enjoy
Halloween in my own way.
There is no one right way to celebrate!