

Welcome!

Happy Fall!

I'm so glad that you downloaded this Pumpkin Gospel resource and I sincerely hope it helps your family enjoy a more Christ-centered fall season!

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How to Tell the Pumpkin Gospel While Carving Pumpkins

- 1) Begin by talking about how each person chose their pumpkin and how every pumpkin is unique (just like us). Then share about how God chooses each one of us and share the bible verses from step 1.
- 2) Share how the pumpkins have been in the field and are dirty and so they need to be cleaned on the outside. Explain that we need to open the pumpkins up and remove all the icky parts inside so that we can create our beautiful jack-o-lantern designs. Share that God wants to do the same thing to us. Tell the kids that He wants us to recognize that we have some parts of us that need to be cleaned too. Explain that we just need to confess those “icky parts” to Him and ask Him to make us clean. Then share that the good news is that, because of Jesus’ sacrifice, we can be fully clean before God! Then share the Bible verses from step 2.
- 3) Explain that, now that our pumpkins are clean, the transformation can start! Share that now we can transform our pumpkins from being just vegetables into truly unique creations as we carve faces and other beautiful designs on our pumpkins. Explain that this is what God wants to do with us too. Tell the kids that if we are willing, He wants transform us and make us into a beautiful new creation that will bring true happiness and purpose into our lives. Then share the verses from Step 3.
- 4) Share with the kids that now that our pumpkins have been chosen, cleaned, given a brand new design, we can make them glow in a beautiful new way! Share how we can put a candle inside each pumpkin and it will create a fun outdoor decoration at night. Explain that this is what God does to every believer too! God cleans us out, gives us a brand new purpose and joy, and then wants us to share that “light” with everyone around us so that we can be bright lights for Him in dark places.
- 5) Close in prayer, using the sample pumpkin prayer as an example:

“Thank you for choosing me, God. I know that sometimes I make mistakes, so thank you for cleaning me inside and out. Please make me new so that can be a shining light for you!”

Afterwards, connect with each child individually to make sure he understood the pumpkin bible lesson and ask if he have any questions. You can also ask if he would like God to transform him like he just transformed his pumpkin. If so, lead him in a prayer of salvation like this [one](#).

How Can I Adapt The Pumpkin Prayer to Kids of Various Ages?

- 1) If you have only younger kids, tell the story as you carve pumpkins but only share a few verses.
- 2) If you have older kids, tell the story as you carve pumpkins, encouraging discussion and asking deeper questions such as “How have you seen these truths in your life?”
- 3) if you have kids of a wide variety of ages, consider hosting two locations for the carving and have adults or older siblings explaining the pumpkin christian story at each spot as appropriate for each age.

5 Other Ways To Use These Free Pumpkin Prayer Resources

- 1) **Make a Pumpkin Prayer Banner.** Print and cut out the color copies of the mini-booklet. Laminate each piece and hang the pieces on a ribbon or piece of jute using clothespins.
- 2) **Make a Pumpkin Prayer Mini Coloring Book.** Print out the black and white sheet of the pages and have kids cut them out. Staple them together into a mini coloring book and encourage the kids to color in each picture.
- 3) **Create a 5-day mini bible study for older kids.** Print out a copy of the page with all the verses on it. Then, read the verses from one of the 4 parts of the pumpkin prayer gospel each day. Encourage discussion and questions about these verses, asking kids to share their thoughts. Have the kids pick their favorite verse and go through the 5Rs Bible Study Method™ for that verse (go [here](#) to see the 5Rs Bible Study Method and get a free bookmark). Smaller children can listen in and color the black and white pages for each day of the study.
- 4) **Create Pumpkin Gospel Tracts.** Print out either the color or black and white pages and hand these out to trick or treaters.
- 5) **Share the Pumpkin Gospel with other families.** Host a pumpkin carving party with a few other families. Go through the pumpkin prayer together as you carve your pumpkins. Create mini coloring books from the pages and encourage kids to color them in as they [enjoy a fun pumpkin dessert like this one.](#)