

Teacher's Guide
All About Holidays series

Introduction

This teacher's guide helps educate young children about the holidays. Each book is an easily read story that introduces the holidays Christmas, The Fourth of July, Halloween, St. Patrick's Day, Thanksgiving Day, and Valentine's Day. Many holidays celebrate the anniversaries of great events. The Fourth of July and Thanksgiving Day are American holidays. Other holidays, including Christmas, Halloween, St. Patrick's Day, and Valentine's Day have come to us from the traditions of other countries.

Guided Reading Level: B

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for

Halloween

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In *Halloween*, children will read the story to find out who says, “boo.”

Halloween is an annual holiday that happens October 31 that is celebrated by dressing up in costumes, collecting treats, and playing tricks. Halloween is short for *All-hallow-even*, meaning the “the evening before All Saints (Day).” In the ancient pagan religion of Britain, October 31, was considered to be the last of the old year and a time when witches roamed about. When Christianity came to Britain, the Church made November 1 a holiday honoring all the saints (called “hallows”).

Almost all present Halloween traditions can be traced to the ancient Celtic day of the dead. The wearing of costumes, for instance, and roaming from door to door demanding treats can be traced to the Celts. Offerings of food and drink were left out to placate them. Over the centuries, people in costume performed antics in exchange for food and drink. To this day, witches, ghosts, and skeletons are among the favorite Halloween costumes.

Activities for the Five Curriculum Areas

SAFETY WARNING:

Before any activity, make sure your students do not have any allergies to items that you might use. Never use anything that is sharp or may cut a student. Do not use anything so hot or cold that it might injure a student. Always have an adult supervise all activities to ensure the safety of your students

Reading/Language Arts activity: Sight words

Beginning readers will find easy words and repetitive phrases throughout the book. Almost all the words used in this book can be found in the Dolch word list, which is appropriate for beginning readers through the third grade. To learn more, visit www.dolch-words.com. Additional words that may be specific to this book can be found in the Words to Know section on page 3.

Math activity: Spider legs

Draw eight different spiders on index cards. The spiders should be drawn with 1 to 8 legs. Ask the students to arrange the spiders according to how many legs the spiders have.

Science activity: Pumpkin science

What is inside a pumpkin? Let the children explore the insides of a pumpkin. It's a great sensory experience. A pumpkin is a vegetable related to squash. Pumpkin plants produce round or oval fruits called pumpkins. They have hard shells and coarse, stringy pulp. A central cavity within the fruit holds the seeds. Most pumpkins weigh from 15 to 30 pounds (6.8 to 27.2 kg). But some may weigh as much as 800 pounds (363 kg). The majority of pumpkins are orange, but many pumpkins are white, yellow, or other colors.

Social Studies activity: Halloween symbols

Halloween is one of the fall holidays. Pumpkins, jack-o-lanterns, and witches are some of the symbols associated with Halloween. Discuss with children some other holidays and the symbols associated with these holidays. Divide a piece of paper into columns. Label each column with a holiday name. Draw pictures of the symbols under each holiday name.

Arts activity: Pumpkin seed art

Collect pumpkin seeds from inside a pumpkin. Let them air dry and have the children use the pumpkin seeds to make a collage.

Color

