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IT'S HALLOWEEN!

A large, glowing jack-o'-lantern is the central focus. It has a window on the left and a door on the right. A ghost in a white sheet, holding a small orange pumpkin and a pink lollipop, stands in front of the door. Several other pumpkins are scattered around the base of the jack-o'-lantern. The background is dark with some green grass.

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It's Halloween!

A night all about dressing up.

Oh, and *treats*. Don't forget the treats!
(Unless you're talking to your dentist!)

Kids and adults dress up in all sorts of different ways at Halloween, don't they?

Some people dress up as something nice;
some dress up as something scary or horrible.
Some dress up as something good; some dress
up as something bad.



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What about you? How did you dress up this Halloween? Choose all the words you would use to describe how you dressed up:

pretty
horrible
scary
funny

nice
bad
cute
good

Of course, it's all just pretend. You're not really a skeleton or a witch. You're probably not a princess or a champion—even if your parents call you their “princess” or “champ.” Most likely you're not really a ghost either. (Can ghosts even read?)

But even though it's all pretend, what we see one night each year on Halloween can be a lot like what we see every day for real: we see pretty things and horrible things; we see nice things and funny things; we see cute puppies and we don't see big scary spider webs and we walk straight into them. Aaargh! We hear about good things happening, and, sadly, we hear about and see some bad things happening—especially on the TV news, but sometimes even in the school playground when someone does something mean.



Yes, the world is kind of a mixed up, messed up place. And lots of us find that really hard.


But the totally brilliant news is that God (who made us) loves the world and he cares about us so much! He sent his Son, Jesus, into our world a long time ago so that we can be on God's team. Jesus died on the cross so we can be one of God's friends.

Then God made Jesus alive again and put him in charge as the king of everything.

So if Jesus is our friend ... and we're on his team ... and he's the king of everything .. well, we don't have to worry about anything. The king has got it all under control, and he's promised that one day he's going to fix it all up!

If you'd like to find out more about what it means for Jesus to be your king and to be friends with him, you can read about it here: twowaystolive.com/whowillbeking





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