

HALLOWEEN RESOURCES 2015



With Halloween looming in the next few weeks, many churches are putting on different activities for children and families that might celebrate Saints and Heroes, rather than ghosts and ghouls. Here are a few Internet resources, books and information that may help you in deciding and preparing for that alternative event. It has been unashamedly plagiarised from a few websites! If you can add to it, please do let us know so that we can share it around.

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Background reading:

BBC article from 2003 – should you wish to read around the subject:
<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/magazine/3222159.stm>

Six reasons why I believe Halloween is far from harmless by J John

An article written for the Daily Mirror <http://eauk.co/1Jb16xd>

J John has also written a blog on the topic: **Tragedy of**

Halloween at <http://eauk.co/1LgNcxZ>

Halloween Article

Practical overview of the topic for adults

<http://reachouttrust.org/occult/halloween/>

Resources:

Roots on the Web

If you are a subscriber Roots have quite a number of resources including an archive from the last number of years.

Resources from Christian Publishing and Outreach (CPO)

CPO (Christian Publishing and Outreach) Garcia Estate, Canterbury Road, Worthing, BN13 1BW
Tel: 01903 263345

Email: sales@cpo.org.uk Website: www.cpo-online.org.uk

A range of products including written resources, tracts and evangelistic materials for children and adults. <http://eauk.co/1wiGKJf>

Resources from Barnabas in Churches

Barnabas in Churches, BRF, 15 The Chambers, Vineyard, Abingdon, OX14 3FE
Tel: 01865 319700

Website: www.barnabasinchurches.org.uk

Halloween – light and dark. A children's activity session that includes games and prayers <http://eauk.co/1UW13jv>

All Saints

Day <http://eauk.co/1MbLUD0> and <http://eauk.co/1QFWx2J>

Resources from Reachout Trust.

Tel: 0845 241 2158

Website: <http://reachouttrust.org/>

Don't be tricked

Full colour tract warning of the dangers of Halloween - for adults and other children. Price: 35p for 1-10 copies. Bulk prices available. <http://eauk.co/1rXSE0T>

Resources from Scripture Union

Tel: 01908 856000

Website: www.scriptureunion.org.uk

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Light Party

Scripture Union's new Light Party pack is a completely free resource that gives churches all they need to run an exciting Light party for children. You can order a pack online at www.lightparty.org.uk and there are extra free resources that can be downloaded or ordered to help make planning a Light Party even easier. The Light Party pack includes:

- Crafts, games, top tips, Bible links and discussion ideas with the biblical theme of 'light'
- Extra resources downloadable from the internet
- All-age church service materials
Answering children's questions on Halloween

Resources from The Good Book Company

The Good Book Company Ltd, Unit B1,
Blenheim House, 1 Blenheim Road, Epsom
Surrey, KT19 9AP
Tel: 0333 123 0880 (local rate call)
Website: www.thegoodbook.co.uk
or use the Contact Us form on the
website: www.thegoodbook.co.uk/contact-us

One Day Wonders includes everything you need to run Bible activity events at Christmas, Easter and Halloween. The flexible material includes a wide range of fun activities to choose from. Some of the activities featured in the book are available as free downloads from <http://eauk.co/1wh6B7W> otherwise the whole pack is available for £7.49

The Fright of Your Life This colourful evangelistic tract is designed for use with early teens (11-14s), and aims to show that Jesus is the Lord of Heaven and Earth. It is Him we should truly fear. It is designed either to hand out at the door on Halloween, or as part of an 'alternative' Halloween party. It focuses on three passages from the Bible where people meet Jesus and are afraid. 20p each. Bulk

purchase discounts available.

<http://goo.gl/b6bAK7>

A Friend in the Dark A short, colourful leaflet with puzzles and word searches taking the theme of being scared of the dark - a fear many children have. It uses John 8 v12 to explain that Jesus is the light of the world and can be our friend. Suitable for children aged 6-12. 20p each. Bulk purchase discounts available. H

Fright the Good Fright

Alternative ideas to traditional Halloween celebrations. Three party packs included, each introducing a different aspect of the Bible with games, masks and dressing up. By Steve English, published by Kevin Mayhew Ltd, 2004, £5.50 ISBN 1844172937. Available from most Christian bookshops or online at www.kevinmayhew.com



Help young children avoid fear and confusion at Halloween

Professor Bumblebrain is back, this time with a series of four full-colour comics, each on a biblical theme or topical issue. In this comic, the Professor, with the aid of his timid cat, Einstein, looks into Halloween – how it started, the traditions that have become part of the festival and why people still celebrate it today.

From CWR: <http://goo.gl/FGoMIF>