

Why Prepare for Halloween

We don't celebrate Halloween.

My husband and I believe the Bible calls us to reject those things that are associated with witchcraft. And I take that to mean both loosely and closely associated, because why would I want to entertain myself with anything that even hints at the darkness Jesus came to set us free from?

Now, we can have one of two responses when we choose to reject Halloween.

1. We can pretend it doesn't exist

2. We can use it as an opportunity.

The first response is how many Christians respond. And yet here is Halloween. It **does** exist, whether we want it to or not. Pretending it doesn't exist won't make it go away.

But it **will** make many children go away from our homes with no candy ... **and no opportunity to know the truth.**

What a golden opportunity sadly lost!

What we as God's ambassadors **should** do is see Halloween as an opportunity, not as a distasteful event to be shunned. In my posts "Should Christians Celebrate Halloween" and "How to Make Halloween All About Jesus" I share ways you can do that.

Today I want to give you and your children a fun activity to do together to prepare for making Halloween all about Jesus!

Prepare for Halloween {by printing this free gospel tract}

I recently wrote this simple tract called "A Simple Gospel."

A tract is not a replacement for opening our mouths and sharing the gospel, it is simply a key to unlock and open the door to share. I wrote this tract in simple, non-churchy terms so that the simplest of minds can understand the simplicity of the gospel.

This is a free printable and you are welcome to print as many copies of it as you wish!



Materials needed:

- * As many copies of the tract you think you'll need Halloween night
- * Candy or non-edible items if you're participating in the Teal Pumpkin Project
- * Tape and/or gift wrapping ribbon

Spread all your materials out on the table and have your children help you attach the Halloween candy or item to the back of each tract. While doing this activity, you have an opportunity to share with them that while you may not celebrate Halloween as a family, there are those who do and many of those people are still lost. God doesn't call us to isolate ourselves, **but to boldly enter the darkness and shine His light**. You can even illustrate this by taking your children in a dark room and shining a flashlight, so they can see how light dispels darkness.

Share with them that if we don't shine our light in the darkness, the dark will remain dark, and those in the dark remain hopeless without the love of Jesus!

Give your children a new reason to look forward to Halloween!

Now, when kids come to your door, open it wide, smile big, show the love of Jesus and then give them the opportunity to

receive the gift of life on this day meant to celebrate death!

Disclaimer: I know there are many believers who choose to celebrate Halloween. This post isn't meant to condemn at all. I realize that we all have varied convictions about this holiday and each person is free to do that which falls within the dictates of his conscience. If you are a believer and choose to celebrate Halloween, I pray you will do so as a way to help spread the love of Jesus!

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