



YES – STOP PRESS Halloween Resources

All Hallow's Eve is coming up, and if you are working with children and young people it can be a challenging time to communicate positive messages about Jesus bringing and being the Light of the World (check out John Chapter 1) so, here is a quick help list of resources for this time of year:

1. **"Unmasking Halloween"** At the CURBS Project we have a great resource entitled 'Unmasking Halloween' which can be delivered to you well in time for the end of October. This Kit will enable you to 'explore and reclaim the positive aspects of Halloween, recognising that God is all-powerful'.

More Information about the resource:

- A pick and mix kit for 5-11s which explores the different angles of this 'hot potato' and where we might draw the line
- Explores aspects that hold a fascination for kids: the scary, the gross, the unknown, the dark...
- Looks at questions to weigh up and reclaims aspects of Halloween that we sometimes avoid
- A range of activities including discussion starters, crafts, games, baking, exploring the Bible, finding out activities...

If you want to order then please visit their website at www.curbsproject.org.uk and click on the 'Ordering' button and then the 'Seasonal Kits' Section. You can look at the first 8 pages of the resource for free to help you decide if you want to purchase it. The Kit only costs £7.00 plus P&P.

2. **"Information on Halloween"** Not sure what the history and meaning of this time of year? To get up to speed read this information / background material from the Reachout Trust www.reachouttrust.org/articleView.php?id=428

3. **"Sorry, no Trick or Treat"** Saltbox have produced some resources to help the Church work with the elderly and vulnerable and to protect them (and children) from "trick or treat" related vandalism and disturbances . . . they have a range of resources that you can order – check it out: www.saltbox.org.uk/community/no_trick_treat.php

4. **"One Day Wonders"**, is produced by the Good Book Company and explores how to share the Good News at particular times through the year (including resources and ideas for Halloween) . . . you can have a look at some of the resources for free and order the book from here: www.thegoodbook.co.uk/children/sunday-school/click/one-day-wonders

5. **"Better than Halloween"**, a resource that enables you to run church based alternative events to the usual "Trick or Treat" stuff, check out here:

www.chpublishing.co.uk/feature.asp?id=2392117&cachefixer=cf115659428841047

Whatever you do, if you run children's work or youth work – do not just ignore Halloween and pretend it is not there! Take the opportunity to talk about it, think about when and where and how you might engage in a positive conversation – e.g. how can we be a blessing to others (bring and BE a "treat") regardless of how we are treated by them ?

Lets "treat" others how we wish to be "treated" . . .