

# Theme:

## Fall (Halloween)

This document contains all of the activities for the theme Fall (Halloween) “for the age group “Big Kids.”

Have fun!

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All activities require adult supervision!

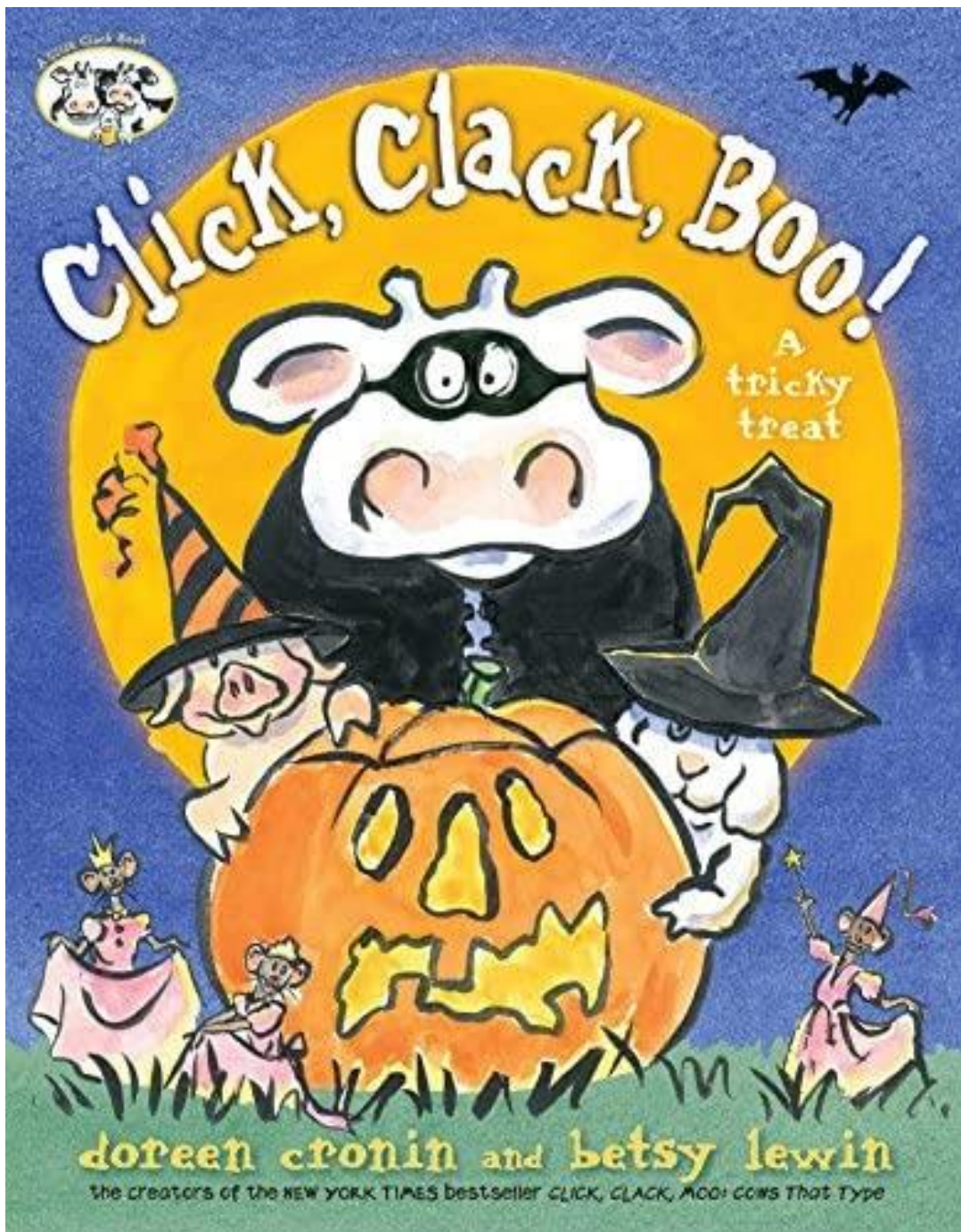
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# Book Suggestion

(We highly recommend checking your local library for this book, however if you cannot find it-please see link on our “Theme extras” web page to purchase if desired or find another book that showcase Halloween! \*\*You do not need to read the entire story all at once. Some children have a difficult time concentrating for an entire story, it is totally okay to portion on the story over a few reading sessions!



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## Song Suggestion:

# FIVE LITTLE PUMPKINS



Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate

*(One hand up)*

The first one said "My, it's getting late."

*(Point to thumb)*

The second one said, "There's witches in the air"

*(Pointer finger)*

The third one said, "But we don't care"

*(Middle finger)*

The fourth one said, "We'll run and run and run"

*(Ring finger)*

The fifth one said, "It's just Halloween fun"

*(Little finger)*

"So whooooo" went the wind  
And out went the lights

*(Clap hands)*

And the five little pumpkins rolled out of site.

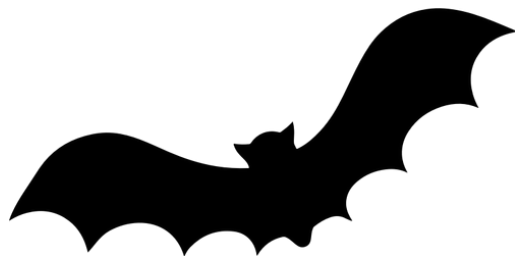
*(Roll arms)*

# Simple Vocabulary Words

These are optional vocabulary cards to show your child before reading the story to help with understanding. It is also a great idea to point out the words while reading the book!



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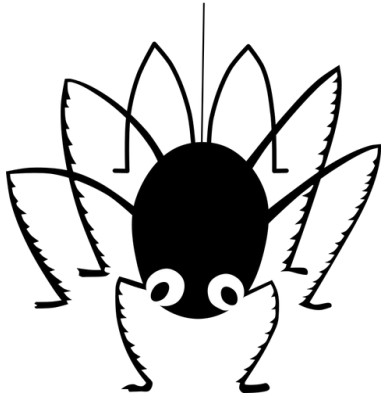
**BAT**



**FALL**



**LEAVES**



**SPIDER**



**PUMPKIN**



**RAKE**



**ACORN**

# Art Project 1:

## Pumpkin Papier Mache

### What you need for this activity:

- \*Balloon
- \*Old newspapers or paper scraps
- \*1/2 Cup of Flour
- \*2 Cups boiling water
- \*1/2 Cup lukewarm water
- \*(Non-toxic) Orange and Black Paint and paintbrush

### Directions:

- \*For this activity your child will make a Pumpkin!
- \*To start-make your Papier Mache glue:
  - \*\*ADULT PORTION
  - Boil 2 cups of water
  - While waiting on the water to boil, mix your flour with the lukewarm cup of water until there are no more clumps.
  - Once the water is boiling, slowly mix in the flour/water mixture
- \*While waiting for your glue to cool, blow up and tie your balloon!
- \*Cut your newspaper or scraps into strips.

\*Once the glue is cooled: Cover your balloon, with newspapers and your “glue.” (As long as your child is no longer putting things in their mouth, they may do this portion)!

\*Give it time to dry: turn your balloon once one side is dry to allow the entire balloon to get dry and hard.

\*Then, paint the balloon orange. If desired once the orange paint is dry, paint eyes and mouth with the black paint.

\*Once the paint is completely dry, carefully pop the balloon with a needle (naturally an adult should do this). Throw balloon away.

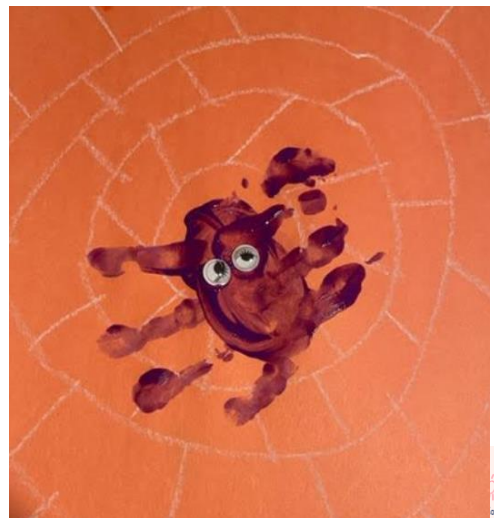
# Art Project 2: Hand Spiders

## What you need for this activity:

- \*Orange Construction Paper
- \*Black/purple non-toxic paint
- \*Paintbrush
- \*White chalk or yarn
- \*Googly Eyes
- \*Non-toxic squeeze glue

## Directions:

- \*For this activity your child will make a spider!
- \*To begin: Draw the web on the paper. For a simple web: make a small circle in the middle of the page, followed by large circles. Connect the circles with lines. (If using yarn, glue down)
- \*Next: form a circle in the middle of the page with the paint (this is the body)
- \*Paint ONLY the fingers (not thumb) black on both hands and press firmly down on either side of the “body.”
- \*Add on the googly eyes!





# Fine Motor Activity: Picture Completion

## What you need for this activity:

- \*Halloween Picture Completion Page
- \*Coloring utensils


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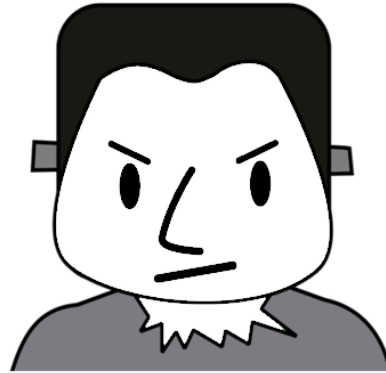
- \*This activity will ask your child to work on their pre-writing skills, specifically utilizing horizontal, vertical, and diagonal lines.
- \*Ask them to complete each picture in the strips.

These Halloween characters are missing some part, can you help them complete their costumes?!

Frankenstein is missing

Two scars on his cheeks, can you add one on each? They look something

Like this: 



This witch is missing the stick part of her broom! Can you draw a straight line to finish her Broomstick?



The Mummy's face isn't wrapped,  
Can you add some toilet paper by  
drawing horizontal lines?!



This pumpkin doesn't have  
a face! Can you give it one?



# Math Activity: Pumpkin Shapes

## What you need for this activity:

- \*Pumpkin shapes
- \*Child-safe scissors
- \*Non-toxic glue stick

## Directions:

This pumpkin shapes activity will ask your child to work on their understanding of shapes.

Ask them (or you if they are not yet able to) to cut out the shapes on the pumpkin shapes page.

Then, glue the shapes onto each pumpkin to create jack-o-lanterns.

# Pumpkin Shapes

Create Jack-O-Lanterns based on the shapes shown below.



Give this Pumpkin a face using TRIANGLES ▲



Give this pumpkin a face using SQUARES 

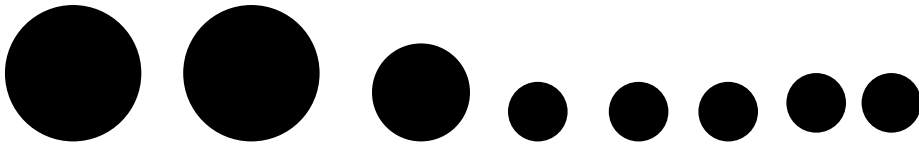


Give this pumpkin a face using RECTANGLES 



Give this pumpkin a face using CIRCLES ●

Shapes for pumpkins (cut out)



# Language Activity:

## Halloween Mad Lib

### What you need for this activity:

- \*Mad Lib Page
- \*Writing Utensil

### Directions:

\*For this activity your child will create a Halloween Mad Lib story! Ask them for a word(s) in each of the parentheses. For example, when it says (day/night) they tell you the word and you write it down. Fill in EACH WORD and then read them the silly story!



### Halloween Mad Lib

Complete this spooky story by filling it words in the missing spaces

I was walking around one Halloween  
\_\_\_\_\_ (day/night) and all of a sudden, I  
saw \_\_\_\_\_ (person). They were  
dressed up as a \_\_\_\_\_ (costume).  
That, of course was not the strangest part, this  
person was eating a \_\_\_\_\_ (thing).  
I asked \_\_\_\_\_ (question). And  
they told me \_\_\_\_\_ (answer).  
I couldn't believe it but I kept walking. Out of  
nowhere a \_\_\_\_\_ (animal) popped  
out from behind the \_\_\_\_\_ (thing).  
I \_\_\_\_\_ (sound) very loudly  
And \_\_\_\_\_ (movement).  
Finally, I got back home. " \_\_\_\_\_ " (word) "I  
said I am glad to be back!"

# Science Activity:

## Ghost Writing

### What you need for this activity:

- \*White Construction Paper
- \*Lemon juice
- \*Paint brush
- \*Some source of heat (like a lightbulb)

### Directions:

- \*For this science activity your child(ren) will write a “ghost message!”
- \*To start, pour some lemon juice into a bowl (fresh-squeezed or from a bottle).
- \*Then tell your child to write a secret ghost message on their paper using the paint brush. Their message can be whatever they would like – a drawing, some scribbles, letters, whatever they choose! Note that it works best if they do a thin layer of the juice so that the paper does not tear.
- \*Once they have written their “message,” set the paper flat to dry.
- \*Once dried, they will see that their message has disappeared!
- \*Hold it up to the light and the message should turn brown!

\*\*Why does this work?

Lemon juice contains acid (as any of us know who have found little cuts on our fingers after touching lemon juice). That acid starts to break down when it is exposed to the heat (of the lightbulb). As it breaks down it shows up brown!

