


JOSH and JADE

...AT HALLOWE'EN



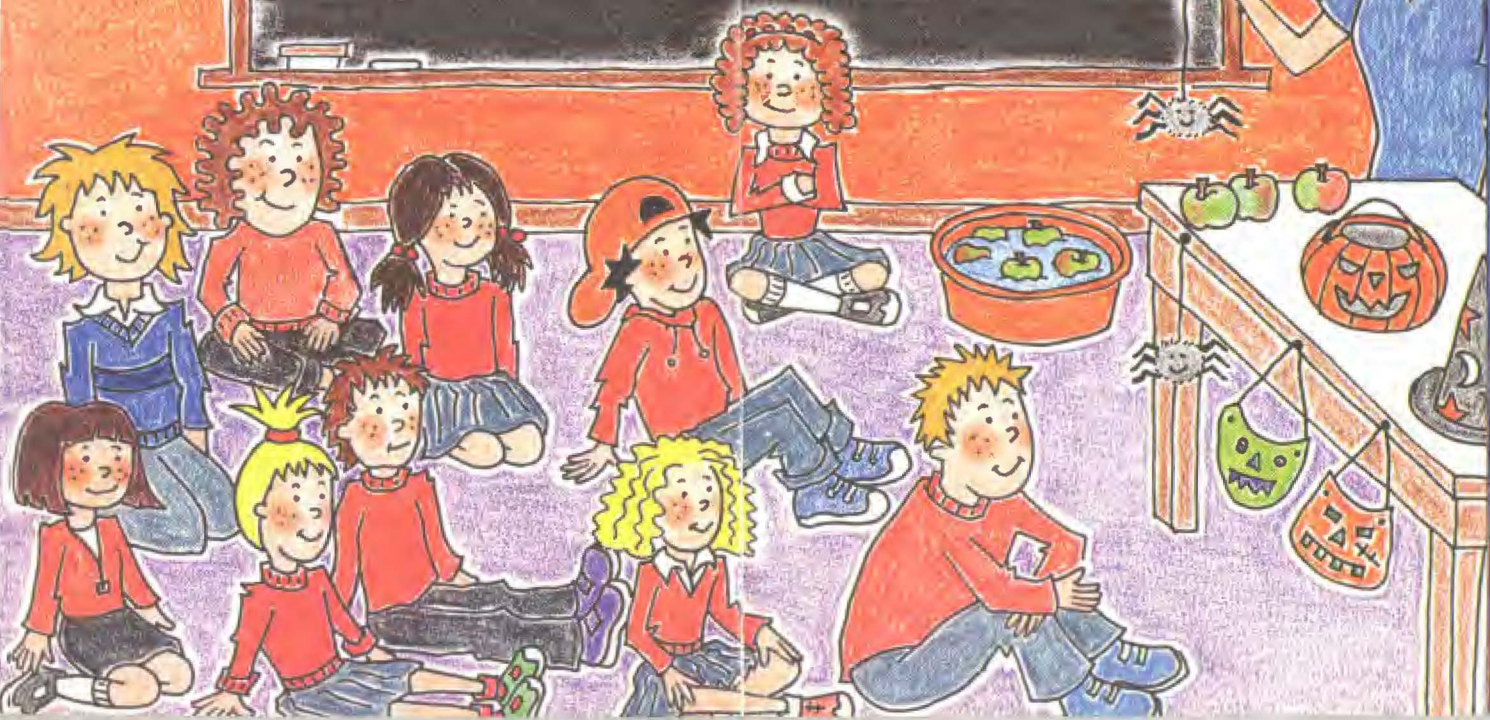


Josh and Jade rushed into the house to tell Mum about school. "Hallowe'en is coming soon - we were told in assembly today," shouted Josh.

"Oh" said Mum, "What did they tell you?"

"All about black cats, ducking for apples, turnip lanterns and Trick or Treating."

"And Mrs. Gray told my class a scary story," added Jade.

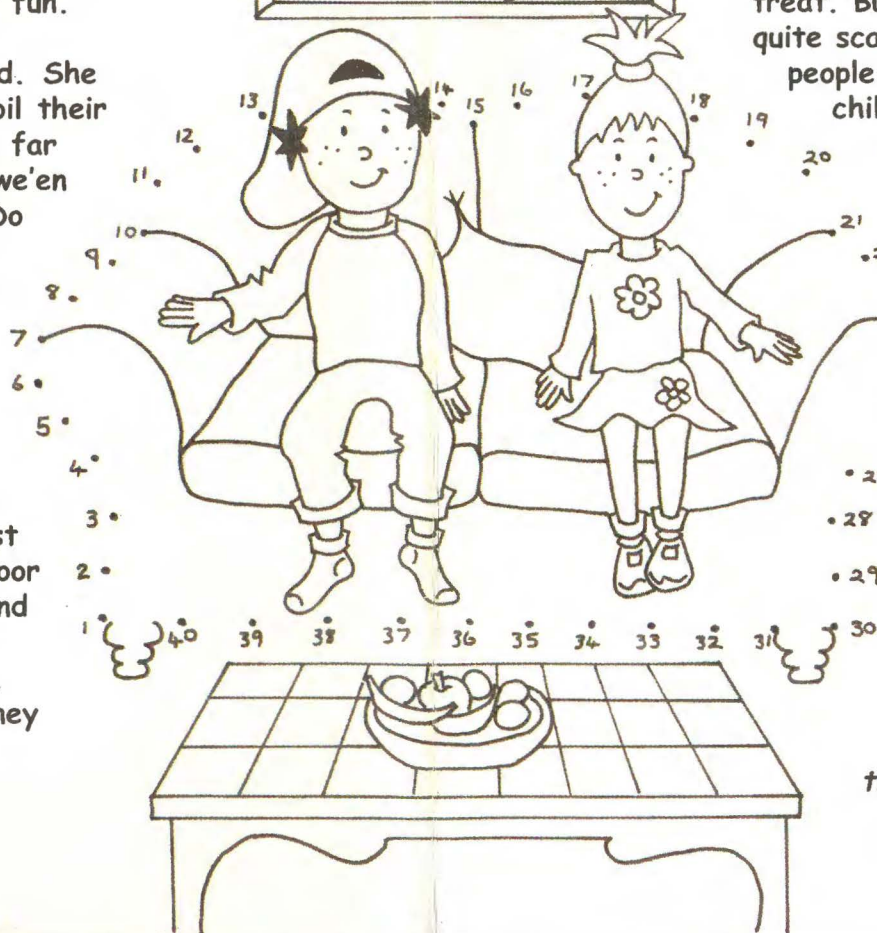


"Please can we go Trick or Treating with our friends tomorrow?" begged Josh. "It's only a bit of fun."

Mum thought hard. She didn't want to spoil their fun but she knew far more about Hallowe'en than they did. "Do you know how Trick or Treating began?"

"No," answered the children.

"Well it started in America, almost 100 years ago. Poor workers went round the doors at Hallowe'en saying, 'Give us some money or else...!!'."



Nowadays, groups of children dress up, perhaps sing a song and ask for a treat. But this can be quite scary for older people and very young children.

Sometimes boys and girls even play a nasty trick on someone who doesn't give them a treat, and this is horrible."

Join the dots and colour in the picture.

Sometimes things to do with Hallowe'en seem OK, especially when your friends are doing them. But it's not all the harmless fun it seems to be.

The best way to find out what's right and wrong is to see what the Bible says...

Never rely on what you know. Remember the LORD in everything you do, and he will show you the right way.

Proverbs 3:5-6

There are many so-called truths to follow and many ways to live your life... but whatever God tells us is always right.

Jade crept up the stairs... suddenly she heard a strange noise.



Slowly she turned the corner and there before her was a huge orange monster. It opened its mouth to... "Aaaaargh!!!" shrieked Jade, sitting up in bed.

"MUM" she shouted... and when Mum came running in, Jade told her about the nightmare.

She had remembered the scary story from school in her dreams...

Mum gave Jade a hug, calmed her down and made sure she went back to sleep without still feeling scared.

On the way to school the next day, Mum told Josh and Jade a bit more about Hallowe'en.



They thought some of it was quite frightening.

HALLOWEEN

Perhaps it was something they

shouldn't do after all?

HALLOWE'EN...
...is not a Christian celebration.

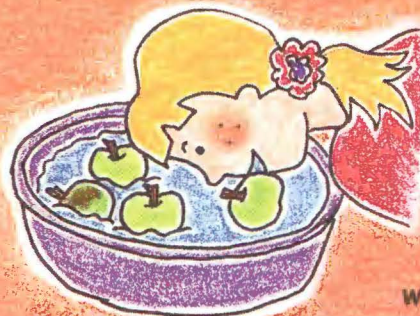


WITCHES... often look like ordinary people and can have special powers from the spirit world.

TURNIP LANTERNS... are meant to frighten away evil spirits.

APPLE DUCKING... was a way to see who you'd marry.

Josh and Jade were worried about the things that could happen at Hallowe'en. But

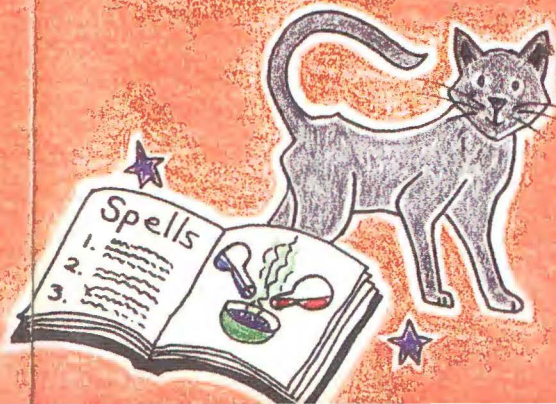


Mum said that Jesus had died on the Cross for us.

He promises that everyone who asks Him to be their Saviour and Lord need not be afraid. He said...

'Never will I leave you...'

Hebrews 13:5



That afternoon, Ben and Lucy came to the door to see if Josh and Jade were coming Trick and Treating. They were dressed up in spooky costumes they had made themselves.

Josh and Jade told them that they had

See if you can find
10 hidden spiders.



decided not to come. "Why not?" asked Ben...

"Well you know Mum tells you never to speak to strangers,..." said Josh, "...it's really the same when you go to the door of someone you don't know."

"And it could be really frightening for an old person," added Jade.

Ben and Lucy thought they were stupid and went off down the path laughing.

Josh and Jade were fed-up. They had really wanted to go but knew their Mum didn't want them to. She was usually right anyway...!

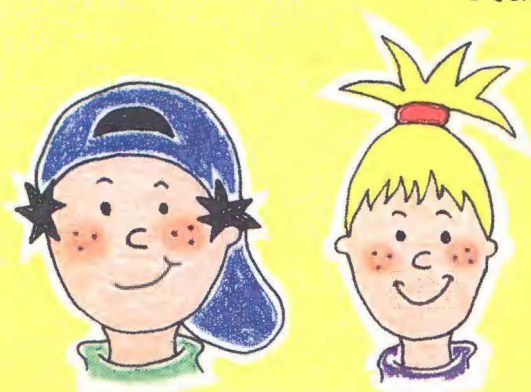
Josh and Jade had made an important choice. They had wanted to go with their friends but realised that this was not the best thing to do.

The Lord Jesus calls us to turn away from things we know are wrong and says that He will help us to do the right things that we sometimes find hard.

When we ask Jesus into our hearts, by His Spirit, we find that we no longer want to please ourselves all the time. He makes us able to do what is right.

Whoever is a child of God does not continue to sin, for God's very nature is in him.

1 John 3:9



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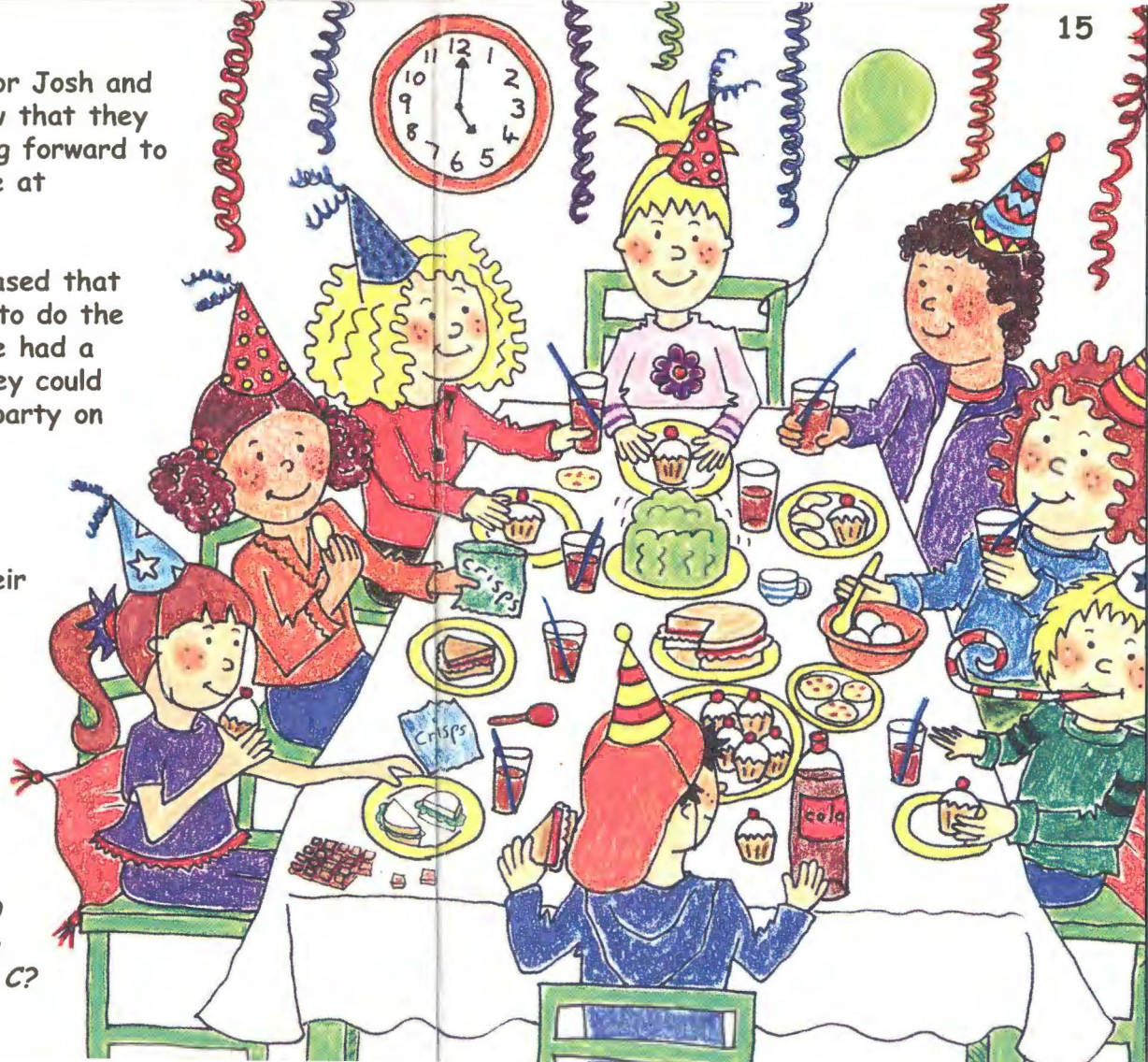
TURNIP * NASTY * TRICK
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 PARTY * JADE * LOVE
 HALLOWEEN * CROSS
 JESUS * FRIENDS

Mum was sad for Josh and Jade. She knew that they had been looking forward to an exciting time at Hallowe'en.

She was so pleased that they'd decided to do the right thing. She had a good idea... they could have a special party on Bonfire Night!

Josh and Jade invited Ben and Lucy and all their friends to the party, to let them see that following Jesus doesn't mean that you can't have a good time!

Can you find 10 things beginning with the letter C?



Just like Josh and Jade, we will also have to make difficult choices. Sometimes it seems like doing the right thing will spoil our fun.

It's true that doing what Jesus tells us can be hard, but His plan is always the best for us. He says in the Bible...

I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

John 10:10

What Jesus means is that only by asking Him to be the boss of our lives can we be sure of His best for us, now and forever.

'For God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not die but have eternal life.'

John 3:16

**If you want to know more about God's love,
speak to your church leader.**

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