

Halloween Tips to Help Kids Grow Up Great



Here are some tips to help build **Developmental Assets®**—the skills, experiences, relationships, and behaviours that kids need to succeed— with neighbourhood children when they come trick-or-treating.



Light up your front door to indicate a welcoming and safe place.

Get together with neighbours to decorate.

Make all trick-or-treaters feel special and welcome. Find something to comment on in how they're dressed. Be wowed by pretty princesses and scared by goblins.

Greet those you know by name. If you recognize youth from your neighbourhood but don't know their names, ask, and tell them yours.

Share treats that reflect your culture or values.

Pumpkin carving challenges us all to value effort over perfection.

Remember to greet kids the next day, when they don't have costumes on!

Trick-or-treating provides opportunity for children to practice gratitude and positive social interactions.

Attending an event with your family is quality time spent and surrounds your children with supportive folks. "It takes a village."

When a young person you know arrives, make a big deal about it and say something nice about their costume.

Welcome older kids when they come to your door - they are, after all, still kids.



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