

PUMPKIN CARVING PRAYER & DEMONSTRATION

This is always a favorite during this time of the year. Allow children to assist you as you carve your pumpkin using the Pumpkin Carving Prayer below.



MATERIALS:

- Pumpkin - You may demonstrate using a larger pumpkin
- Knife (*or you may pre-cut at home*)
OR print/cutout paper facial features (*to follow*)
- Candle
- Newspaper and Paper Towels
- Glue
- *Optional: Have small pumpkins for each child to make their own jack O'lantern*
- *Optional: Have students make a paper version using orange construction paper and markers*

WHAT TO DO:

Read the Pumpkin Carving Prayer below. As you read, you may either

- Carve the jack o'lantern face using a knife
- Attach the paper facial features to pumpkin

Dear God,

As I carve my pumpkin help me say this prayer:

Open my mind so I can learn about You;
(Cut the top of the pumpkin)

Take away all my sin and forgive me for the wrong things I do.
(Clean out the inside)

Open my eyes so Your love I will see;
(Cut the eyes out in heart shapes)

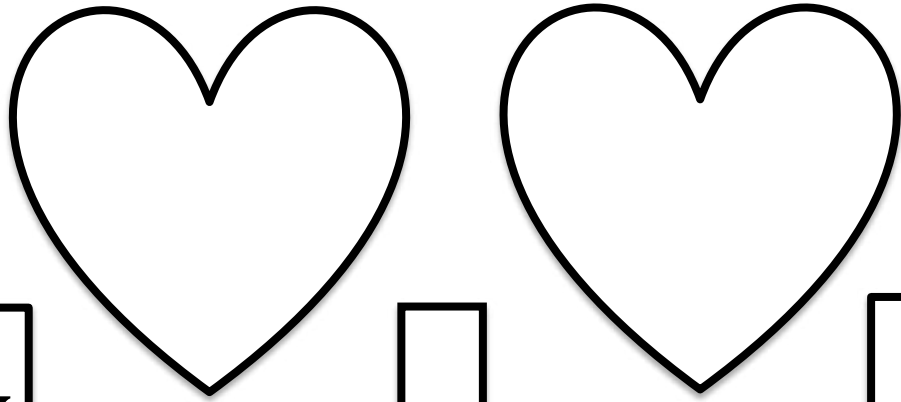
I'm so sorry for turning up my nose to all you've given me.
(Cut a nose in the shape of a cross)

Open my ears so your word I will hear.
(Cut the ears shaped like the Bible)-we did rectangles

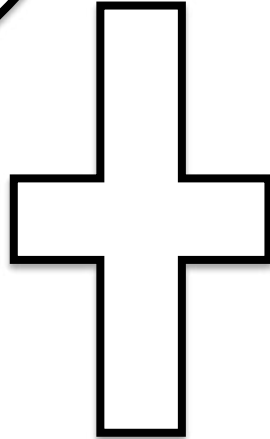
Open my mouth so I can tell others You're near
(cut the mouth in the shape of a fish)

Let Your light shine in all I say and do! Amen.
(Place a candle inside and light it)

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