

'TRICK OR TREATING'

Through the Bible

Creatively present the Bible and provide treats that correspond with each Bible story. You may invite the church community to participate or present as a simple Sunday school activity.



WHAT YOU NEED:

1. Arrange ahead of time to have enough of each Halloween treat for each child - maybe ask parents to volunteer to sign up to bring: Skittles or MnM's, Circus animal cookies, Starburst or Baby Ruth bars, Goldfish, Oreos, "Mahs," Band-aids, Lifesavers, Apples/bagged apple slices, Honey grahams or Graham crackers
2. Bags (for students to collect their treats)
3. Volunteers to present at stations

HOW IT WORKS:

1. At each Story Station*, have presenters *enthusiastically* share a Bible story, (listed below + cutout cards to give each presenter follow on pg. 2). Use teachers and volunteers who have good storytelling skills to make this fun!
2. After the presenter shares their story, children are given an individually wrapped item/treat that represents the story.
3. Children will rotate through the stations. *(There are 10 different Story Station options below - use as many or as few as you wish!)*

Options:

- Have presenters dressed up to match a character in their story.
- Have your oldest students or ACYO members be the station presenters! You may assign stations to individual students or have them present as a group. They will enjoy taking on this leadership role!
- Older students who are participating can take turns reading the Bible scripture for each story.
- Invite Parents to get involved as presenters or facilitators to help distribute station treats.
- Make this a "scavenger hunt and create stations outside of Sunday school, such as inside the church narthex, hall, etc. Invite Parish Council or other church members to tell a story!

*STORY STATIONS (Each Bible story is listed with its corresponding treat)

BIBLE STORY	TREAT
1. Noah's Ark -	Skittles (rainbow) or animal crackers
2. Daniel in the Lion's Den -	Circus animal cookies (find the lions!)
3. Christmas Story -	Starburst or Baby Ruth
4. Jonah -	Goldfish
5. Creation -	Oreo (day and night)
6. Hayr Mer/Lord's Prayer -	"Mahs"
7. Good Samaritan -	Band-aid
8. Jesus -	Lifesaver
9. Adam and Eve -	Apple (or apple slices)
10. John the Baptist -	Honey Grahams or Honey graham crackers

<p>ADAM & EVE (Tell the story of Adam & Dve) Adam and Eve were the first people on Earth. God loved Adam and Eve and placed them in the beautiful Garden of Eden. God put Adam in charge of tending the Garden. He gave Adam and Eve plenty of food to eat, but they were forbidden to eat the fruit from the Tree of Knowledge. One day a serpent tempted Eve, and she and Adam ate from the tree. This upset God, so they had to leave the Garden.</p>	<p>DANIEL (Tell the story of Daniel) Daniel was a good man who loved praying to God. But he worked for King Darius, who made a rule that nobody could bow down and pray to anyone except the king. Even so, Daniel bowed down and prayed to God! Some men arranged for Daniel to be caught and thrown in the lions' den. King Darius like Daniel and was sad to see this happen to him. Daniel continued to pray, and God sent angels to shut the lions' mouths. Daniel was safe! Darius changed the law and said people should pray to God.</p>
<p>NOAH (Discuss the story of Noah) God looked at the earth and saw that there was a lot of evil in the world. He decided to send a flood to cleanse the land. Before flooding the earth, God found a good man named Noah. He told Noah to build a big boat called an ark. Noah obeyed God. Noah loaded two of every animal onto the ark. God sent rain for forty days and nights, but Noah and his family were safe on the ark. When the rain stopped, he put a rainbow in the sky. The rainbow was a promise to Noah that God would never flood the whole earth again.</p>	<p>JONAH (Tell the story of Jonah) God told Jonah to go to Nineveh to preach about God, but Jonah did not want to go to Nineveh! Instead, Jonah decided to board a ship going to another direction. God sent a storm, and the ship's sailors threw Jonah overboard. Then God sent a great fish to swallow Jonah. For three days and three nights Jonah prayed. God heard Jonah's prayers. When the great fish spit Jonah onto Land, Jonah obeyed God and went to Nineveh. The People listened to Jonah and were sorry for doing bad things.</p>
<p>CREATION (Discuss God's Creation) In the beginning there was no earth or sky or sea or animals. And then God spoke: "Let there be light!" And right away there was light. God said, "From now on, when it's dark it will be 'night' and when it's light, it will be 'day'." That was the first day. On the 2nd day, God made the earth and over it hung a vast blue sky. The 3rd day, God put all the water in one place, the dry land in another, and plants to cover the land. On the 4th day, God made the sun and the moon and stars. The 5th day, God made life in the waters by creating fish and also birds, too. On the 6th day, God added animals of every kind and added Mankind to take care of all that He had created. On the seventh day God had a nice long rest.</p>	<p>HAYR MER (Translate, discuss meaning, and recite together) Hayr mer, vor hergins yes, Soorp yeghitzi anoon ko; Yegeitze ar-ka-yoo-tyoon ko,, Yeghitzin gamk ko, Vorbes hergins yev her-gri. Zhatz mer ha-na-bazort, Door mez aysor Togh mez usbardis mer, Vorbes yev mek toghoomk merotz barda-banatz, Yev mi danir uzmez ee portzootyoon, Ayl purgya ee cha-reh. Zi ko eh arkayootyoon, yev zorootyoon, yev park, havidyanus. Amen.</p>
<p>GOOD SAMARITAN (Discuss the story of the Good Samaritan) There once was a Jewish man walking along a road when a group of men jumped out, took his belongings, beat him up, and left him bleeding alongside the road. Soon a priest came along and instead of helping the man, kept walking. A while later, a Levite (man who assisted priests) came along, and he, too, did not help. A while later another man, who was a Samaritan, came along. Jews don't like Samaritans and usually don't treat them very well. So what do you think the Samaritan did? (pause) As soon as he saw the man, he put bandages on his sores, put him on his donkey, took him to a hotel, and gave him money so he could stay and get better. Jesus teaches us to do as the Samaritan, and have compassion for our fellow man.</p>	<p>RE-TELLING THE CHRISTMAS STORY WRITE the words below (in order of appearance) on a large piece of paper. <u>Students</u> will take turns telling the story of Jesus' birth aloud together, one line at a time. One student begins using "MARY" in their sentence, then another student continues the story with "ANGEL," and so on, until each child has had a turn and the story is complete!</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Mary (ex: Mary was a girl living in Nazareth) 2. Angel (ex: an angel appeared to Mary . . .) 3. Joseph 4. Innkeeper 5. Stable animals 6. Baby Jesus 7. Star 8. Shepherds 9. 3 Kings
<p>JESUS (Discuss the story of Jesus) Jesus is God's Son, born in a stable to Mary and Joseph. Jesus performed miracles and taught people about God. God sent Jesus to earth to save the world from its sins. Even though He was perfect, Jesus took the punishment for the bad things people did. He died on a cross. But God raised Jesus, just as He said He would! Then Jesus went up to heaven. One day Jesus will return and take those who love Him to heaven to live forever.</p>	<p>JOHN the BAPTIST (Tell the story of John the Baptist) John the Baptist, son of Elizabeth and Zacharias, was Jesus' cousin. John wore clothes made of camel's hair and ate locusts and honey in the desert. People cam from all over to be baptized by him. Even Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan River to be baptized by John! As soon as Jesus was baptized, the Holy Spirit descended upon Him like a dove.</p>