
THE PUMPKIN STORY

Let your light shine!



Introduction: Let children choose a pumpkin sticker face* and decorate a pumpkin.

Tell the Story of the Pumpkin:**

1. God made pumpkins of different shapes, colors, and sizes! He's the one who made the whole world, including you! When God made the world, it was perfect. God is good and perfect, and he loves you! God created all things!

This Gold bead can remind you of the Pumpkin and God! The pumpkin because the pumpkin starts off as a beautiful gold blossom like this one (Show blossom photo). God, because in heaven where God lives, the street is made of pure gold (**Show street of gold photo**).

2. **Show pumpkin number one** (take off lid and show the gooey mess inside). Inside the pumpkin is messy and needs to be cleaned out. It reminds me how people need to be made clean from the punishment of sin. Sin is choosing our own selfish way instead of God's good, right way. The Bible says we all are born with a sin problem.

This dark bead can remind you of our sin problem. Sin is like being in darkness separated from God and His goodness.



3. Show cleaned out pumpkin. This pumpkin reminds me what Jesus did for us. God loves you so much that He sent Jesus, God the Son, to take the punishment for your sin. Jesus willingly suffered and died on a cross so you can be made clean from your sin. He was buried and came back to life and now rules in Heaven as King!

This red bead can remind you of the blood Jesus gave for you and me when He died on the cross.

This clean bead can remind you how Jesus came to clean you from the punishment of sin. When can trust in Jesus and ask Him to clean you from the punishment of sin. God will forgive you and gives you His Holy Spirit to help you follow God's good and clean way.

This little booklet** I am giving you has an example of a prayer that you can pray to God to say you believe in Him and want to follow His good and clean way!

4. Show carved and lit up pumpkin. Now the pumpkin is all brand new, all clean and glowing bright! I picked this pumpkin and cleaned it and made it brand new! God has chosen you to be His child in His forever family, God can help you grow in His family.

This green bead can remind you of your new life following God's clean way and growing to be more like Jesus every day! That's way better and longer lasting than a pumpkin!





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for little ones can know Jesus!

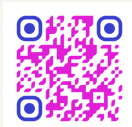
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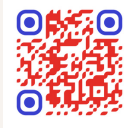
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