



IDEAS TO

Engage with your
Neighbors

on mission

this Halloween

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On Mission this

Halloween

October 31st offers a great opportunity for many to engage in new relationships with those around us...or maybe even revisiting some old relationships with missional intentionality. The culture we have been sent into by Jesus to love and share the gospel is going to celebrate Halloween. So let's be intentional about being on mission together this month.

We all have in front of us a wide open door for missional engagement in our neighborhoods. Don't miss out on the opportunity. If you are looking to be more intentional in loving your neighbors, I want to give you a few ideas for how you can more effectively walk through the open door that Halloween presents to us as Jesus' missionaries. The list of ideas range from very easy to more involved, and can be done as an individual, as a family, and even with your Small Group. So check them out...and be On Mission this Halloween.

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Neighborhood Trunk or Treat

The idea is simple: invite other parents and neighbors to gather together (either in a cul-de-sac or nearby parking lot), and turn the trunk of your car into a fall festival mini game booth. Kids have fun playing the game and getting some Halloween candy.

BOO Your Neighbors

This is a fun way to spread cheer and involve your kids every step of the way. Booing is a fun Halloween tradition where you secretly place a gift on your neighbors' porch for them to find, along with a note telling them they have been "Booed." *Here's how it works:* Pick up Halloween gift bags or buckets and the kids fill them up with treats, stickers, coloring books, temporary tattoos, bubbles, books, Dracula teeth, glow sticks, etc...along with an anonymous note telling your neighbor they've been "booed" and instructions for how to pass it on. Have your kids leave the bag of treats on the doorstep, ring the doorbell and run!



Invite other parents and neighbors!



Boooooo!





Pumpkin Scavenger Hunt

A fun alternative to trick or treating is to host a spooky scavenger hunt in your neighborhood. One option is to host a pumpkin scavenger hunt and head out into your neighborhood to see what fun pumpkins you can find. This link is from kidsactivities.com: [free pumpkin scavenger hunt printable](#). Or, if you want a more challenging scavenger hunt for kids and adults, check out this printable: [Neighborhood Halloween Scavenger Hunt](#).

Get your whole neighborhood involved in this fun Halloween scavenger hunt using pumpkins!





Neighborhood Halloween

Decoration Contest

Who doesn't love a little competition from time to time? If your neighborhood gets into the spirit of Halloween, hosting a decoration contest could up the stakes a bit. Create ballots for the "most spooky," "most creative," "best candy" and "best decorated" houses. Hand them out to your neighbors and have everyone vote for the winners.

Block Party Appetizer Happy Hour

Hand out flyers to your neighbors, or post at a community mailbox, and invite everyone to participate in a potluck appetizer party before the trick or treating begins. Plan the potluck for an hour or two before dark, stage the event in your garage or on your driveway, and invite everyone to bring folding chairs. After a bit of mingling, head out trick or treating together.



Costume Parade

Since you never know if the Halloween costumes will make it back in one piece, line up the kids before heading out trick-or-treating for a street parade. Nominate 1-2 children to be the line leaders and have all the other kids follow the leader past all the driveways on your street. Put on festive music and allow parents to get the perfect photo op of the little pumpkins before dark.

Host an Outdoor Halloween Movie

Depending on the ages of the kids in your neighborhood, you can host a movie night leading up the holiday. You can do this in the front yard, or on your garage door for all the neighbors. You will need a projection unity and a portable speaker. A great viewing option would be the [Peanuts: Great Pumpkin](#) movie. Get it on Amazon or Apple TV.



Group Service Opportunity with FCA & TJC

Sign your group up to run a trunk or treat booth at the FCA (fellowship of christian athletes) and the TJC Baseball Team at their Halloween at Home Plate event at Mike Carter Baseball Field on Sunday, October 29th. The Trunk or Treat begins at 4:30PM, and the Costume Baseball Game begins at 6:00PM. The event is free to the community. [Click HERE](#) for information and registration.



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