

# GO HALLOWEEN

## ideas

*Hand out the best candy*

Have a generous, open heart. Give out the best candy you can afford.

*Be present*

Don't hide out all night. Come out to the door or hang out on the porch and if families stop for cider, get to know their names and where they live in the neighborhood. Consider taking your candy stash and hot cider to the end of your driveway (with a fire pit?) and get to know your neighbors as they walk by.

*Offer a blessing*

Practice building others up with words and offer a tangible blessing of light. Light up your house, light up your trees, and pass out glow necklaces along with your candy. Tell the kids you love their costumes and to have a great night. Here's an example of a simple blessing to speak over each child: "Happy dreams tonight".

*Have a party or attend a party*

Gather a group of friends or neighbors and offer a neighborhood hotdog & cider stand - in addition to handing out a gift of candy. A little protein goes a long way on Halloween. Make your entryway and yard inviting. Attend events in your neighborhood. If you plan to host a party, and would be open to inviting Journey folk to join you, let us know.

*Head to the favorite "watering holes"*

If you do not have kids or are not going to engage in Trick or Treating activities or events, consider going to the local pubs, restaurants or clubs near you for their events and get to know the people there. Make it your goal to learn the story of at least one person who needs Jesus and walk away with some next steps on how to serve them. You will want to do this with others so that you don't go it alone.



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## VISION

### *Be prayerful*

Start with prayer (talking and listening to God).

Ask for the Spirit to lead, guide and work. Ask the Spirit to open your eyes and ears to the real needs around you. Ask the Spirit to help you listen, care and serve those around you. Ask the Spirit for open doors for new relationships and gospel conversations.

### *Don't "Go" it alone*

Invite friends to help, and join your neighbors!

If you want to make a change in your family Halloween traditions, involve your whole family in the discussion.

### *Leading your family*

Start by asking....

How do we celebrate? What is our tradition?

Why do we do it that way?

Now evaluate...

Is it fun?

Does it bless others?

Does it honor God?

Is our family heart full at the end of the day?

Then decide together what changes you can try to make. Pray together. Ask each family member, yes - children included - to listen for what God is talking to them about, individually. Ask them to share. Ask how they will respond to God's voice. Encourage them in their response to God.

