

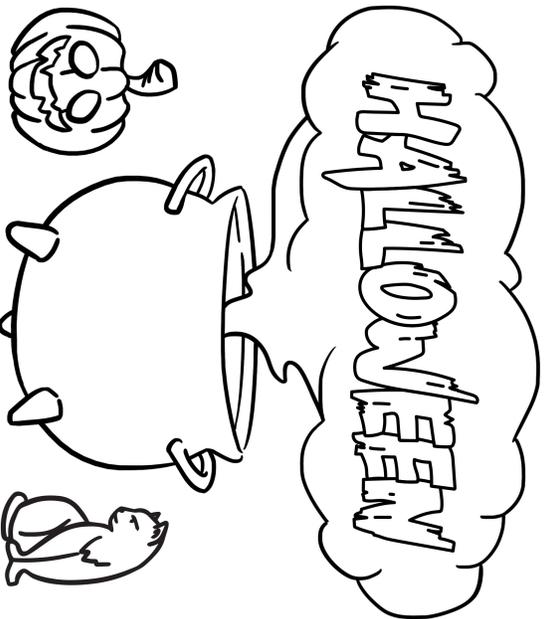
# Halloween



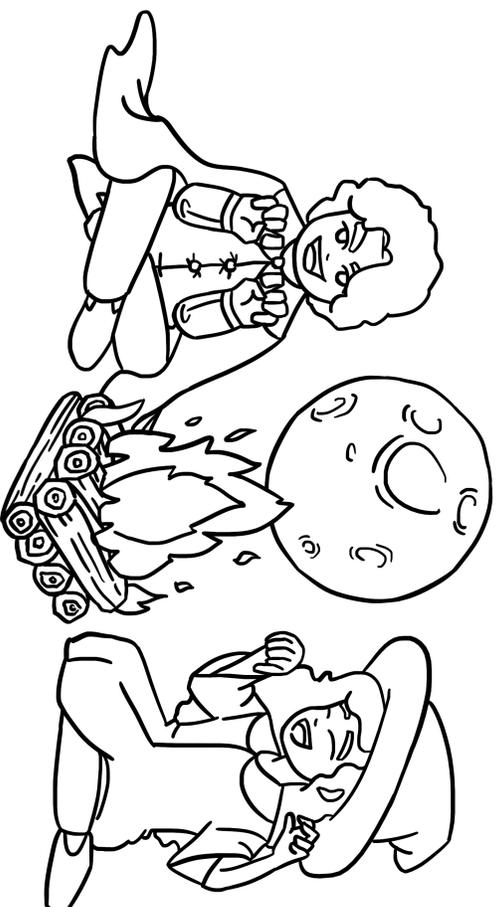
## INSTRUCTIONS

Color each page. Fold lengthwise, and then fold in the other direction. Apply glue to the blank insides of the pages to seal the open edges. Assemble the book and staple the spine or use yarn to hold it together.

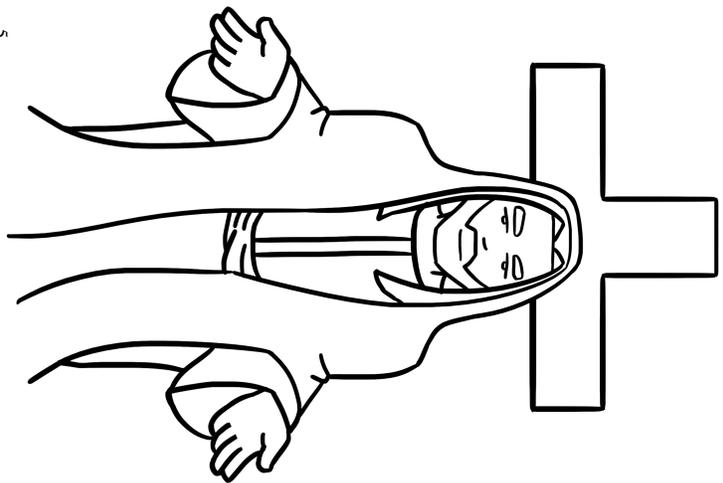




Boo! Are you ready to learn about the spookiest holiday of the year? I'm talking about Halloween. You know, the trick-or-treat holiday we celebrate on October 31st.



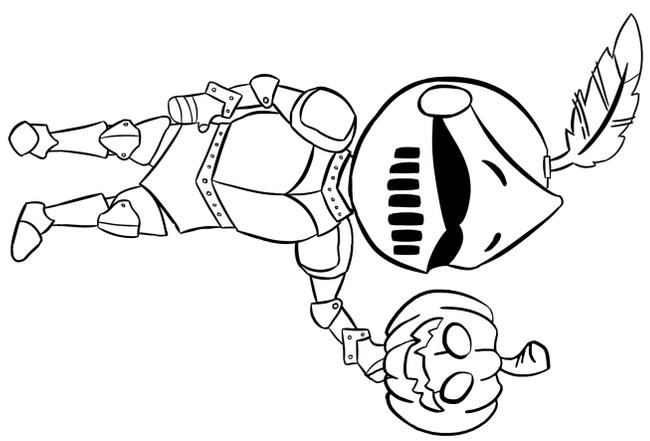
In Ireland, where the ancient Celts lived, children go on treasure hunts and have bonfires. No matter what you do on Halloween, remember that it can be as scary—or not scary—as you want it to be!



A long time later, Christians replaced non-Christian celebrations with Christian holidays. They replaced Samhain with All Saints Day, a day when Christians honored those who had died as a follower of Jesus.



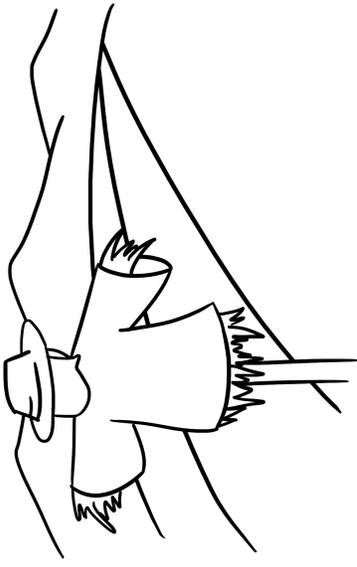
This was not a pleasant thought. The Celts didn't want to be recognized by the ghosts when they were out and about, so they dressed in disguises. They wore animal skins and masks to hide who they were.



The night before All Saints Day was also known as All Hallows Evening, which is where the word "Halloween" comes from.

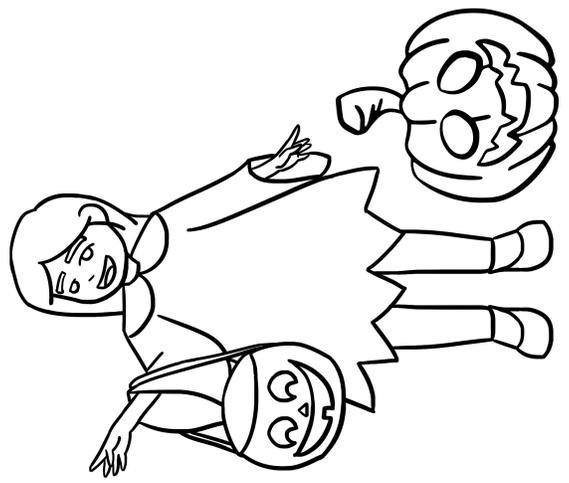
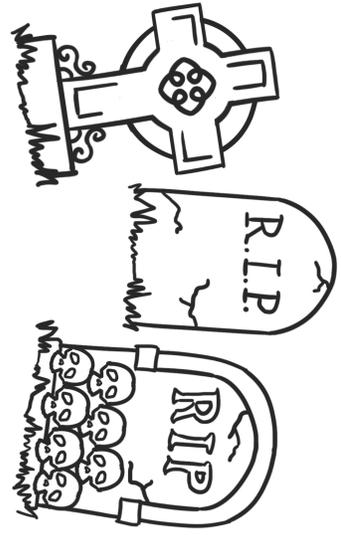


Later, when European colonists came to live in America, they brought Halloween with them. They brought their traditions of singing, dancing, bonfires, and playing tricks.

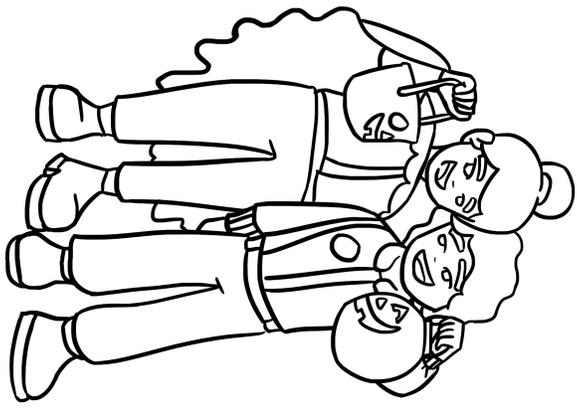


Halloween started as an ancient Celtic (kel-tik) festival called Samhain (sow-win). Samhain marked the end of the harvest season and the beginning of winter.

Back then, people didn't have heated homes, soap and warm water, or medicines to keep them from getting sick over the winter. As a result, a lot of people died during the harsh winter months. The Celts believed that on the night of Samhain, the ghosts of those who had died came back to earth.



In America today, children dress in costume, go door to door trick-or-treating, and bob for apples. (Some even watch scary movies!)



One of the most popular Halloween traditions is trick-or-treating. Children dressed in costume go door to door, collecting candy from friendly neighbors.