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CHILDREN'S PAGE  
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TRICKS OR TREATS  
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On Halloween Jimmy, Larry, Michael, Doreen and Susan went about their neighborhood playing Tricks or Treats. They had been almost all around their block when they came to the Larsons' house.

"We'll knock at Mr. Larson's door just to see what he will do," said Michael.

"No use," said Larry. "They won't have anything for us. Besides, I doubt if they know anything about Halloween."

"Mother said we shouldn't bother Mr. and Mrs. Larson," Doreen said. "They're very old and quite poor. She said it might embarrass them if we asked for treats and they didn't have any."

Susan giggled.

"Oh, then we could pull some really good trick on them," she said.

"I don't think that would be much fun," said Jimmy. "He is awful old and can't walk very well."

"That's right," said Doreen. "We should be careful about bothering people like Mr. Larson."

"He's old and cranky," said Michael.

"He's not cranky," said Jimmy stoutly. "Mr. Larson is a good man. Remember all those cornstalk fiddles and funny little toys that looked like men from Mars he made for us. He said he'd make me some more when he cuts that little patch of pop corn."

"That's right," said Doreen. "And one day last summer I was over there when Mrs. Larson was making cookies. She gave me some and they were really good."

"Tell you what," said Jimmy, "why don't we turn the treats around and surprise the Larsons?"

"Surprise them? How?" All the others shouted together.

"Well, let's knock on their door and when they open it we will all shout, 'Happy Halloween!' Then we'll go in and each of us will give them a treat."

"Let's do it," said Larry and Doreen.

"Oh, that will be fun!" cried Susan.

The children were very quiet as they gathered on the Larsons' front porch. Jimmy knocked, and when Mr. Larson opened the door the children all called at the top of their voices, "Happy Halloween, Mr. and Mrs. Larson!"

Mr. Larson smiled at them and his wife hurried to the door.

"Land sakes, if it isn't a pack of little goblins! Do come in and let us look at you," she said--just as if she knew all about Halloween.

The children stepped inside and stood silently while the Larsons tried to recognize each one.

Finally Mr. Larson gave up and said, "I don't know who you are, but I hope you are having lots of fun."

Jimmy laid an apple on a little table.

"We'd like to share our treats with you, this year," he said.

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Each of the others reached into his sack and brought out some treat and laid it beside Jimmy's.

"Now isn't that just the nicest thing that ever happened to us, Mother," Mr. Larson said, smiling.

"I think it's wonderful--just wonderful! Thank all of you so very much."

There was a happy sound in Mrs. Larson's voice that made all the children look at her in wonder.

"And now we have a little something for you, too," she went on. "We were beginning to think none of you were coming to see us, tonight. You've made us very happy by your visit."

She went into the kitchen and returned carrying a big panful of popcorn balls.

"We made these especially for the little goblins who wander around on Halloween night," she explained.

When Michael saw them he cried, "Popcorn balls! How I love them! Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Larson."

And the next minute he was eating the one they handed him.

"Mrs. Larson, this <sup>is</sup> the nicest treat we've had tonight. Thank you very much," said Larry.

Jimmy was smiling happily behind his mask as he turned to leave.

"Happy Halloween!" he said again.

"Happy Halloween!" cried the others as they followed him out.

"Good night children, and thank you for your treat," said Mr. and Mrs. Larson.

"They're nice," said Doreen. "We certainly had a good time there. I'm glad you thought of stopping Jimmy."

"I am too," he said. "Wouldn't it have been too bad if they'd had no one to give those popcorn balls to?"

"It surely would," said Larry. "And didn't Mrs. Larson look happy--just as if she knew all about Tricks or Treats."

"I guess she does, at that," answered Jimmy.

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JACK-O'-LANTERN'S PRANK  
BY: Julia W. Wolfe

Upon a certain Halloween  
When not a soul was nigh,  
A jolly jack-o'-lantern spied  
A golden pumpkin pie.

Now, Jack-o'-lantern's funny mouth  
Was very, very wide;  
To play a prank this Halloween  
He put the pie inside.

Said Jack-o'-lantern, "After all  
That pie was mine, you know;  
And now it's in the very place  
In which it used to grow.

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WHICH VERSE?

"Teddy!" Mother called, "Will you  
please go to the store? I am fixing  
to make a cake and I need more sugar."

"Do I have to go now?" complained  
Teddy. "We've just started playing  
ball, and it is my turn to bat."

"I need the sugar right away,"  
answered Mother.

Teddy ran off to the store,  
fussing.

"Why does Mother always have to  
have something when I want to play?"

Which of the following Bible verses  
would be helpful to Teddy?"

He will cause to come down for you  
the rain.--Joel 2:23

God created the heaven and the  
earth.--Genesis 1:1

Do all things without murmurings and  
disputings.--Philippians 2:14

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