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Halloween

Before the world began, there was the Word. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. All things were made through him. Nothing was made without Him. In Him there was life. That life was light for the people of the world. The Light shines in the darkness. And the darkness has not overpowered the Light. John 1:1-5



The History of Halloween

- Halloween has pagan (people who don't believe in God) and Christian roots
- Trick or treating started to scare away evil spirits
- Today, people who want to worship satan (like we worship God) treat Halloween like we treat Christmas – it's a big deal!

Why is there evil in the world?

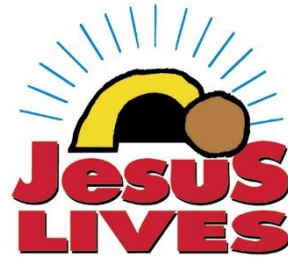
- Before the Earth was created, an angel called Lucifer, who was the most beautiful angel God created, was full of pride and believed he was equal to God
- Lucifer rebelled against God and was cast out of heaven with a third of the angels
- Lucifer (now called satan or the devil) and the other angels who were banished from heaven are called demons
- Satan does everything he can to stop you knowing and loving God



What we believe as followers of Jesus

- There is one true God, the God of the Bible
- Jesus is His Son – Jesus reveals what God is really like
- The Holy Spirit is God's presence on Earth today and He guides us and teaches us about God

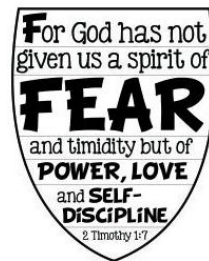
- We believe that death is not the end but if you believe in Jesus your spirit will live forever with God in heaven
- Our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Ephesians 6:12
- Satan cannot defeat God and when Jesus returns He will defeat satan once and for all
- Because we know this will happen and because we are God's children, we know that we don't have to be scared of satan
- We want to live our lives to bring glory to God



However, many of your friends who don't know Jesus don't know this and don't understand that the spirit world is real.

Why do we avoid it?

- We know the truth about God and we understand there is a spirit world
- People who think Halloween is fun probably don't understand the spirit world
- As Christians we want to bring light into the world, not darkness
- It is best not to expose ourselves wilfully to something which may cause us harm. We wouldn't let you run out onto the road because you might get hit by a car, so we don't you to expose you to something dangerous.
- Halloween fosters fear. As Christians, God didn't give us a spirit of fear but a spirit of power, love and a sound mind. 2 Timothy 1:7



- We should not think about things that make us fearful. Instead we should think about the things of God. Philippians 4:8
- Our lives should bring glory to God – by participating in Halloween are we bringing glory to God?

What if you get scared?

- Remember to put on the Armour of God - the belt of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the shoes of the gospel of peace, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit (word of God). Ephesians 6:14-17)
- Talk to Mum, Dad or a trusted adult
- You can ask Jesus to help you anytime
- Remember that satan runs scared when we stand up to him
- Jesus is way stronger than satan
- Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. Colossians 3:2
- Think about what is true. Think about what is noble, right and pure. Think about what is lovely and worthy of respect. If anything is excellent or worthy of praise, think about those kinds of things. Philippians 4:8



What can we do instead?

- Do something special that night that you wouldn't normally do – eg a special night at the movies, church event
- Pray for their friends going trick or treating, that they would be protected or lose interest
- Ask yourself "Where is God in this?" "Is participating in this good for me?"