## Halloween

In Canada, when October arrives, you will see spooky decorations like spider webs and glowing pumpkins. This is the time for Halloween, a holiday on October 31st.

Stores sell a lot of candy and costumes for Halloween. It's a very popular holiday in Canada, second only to Christmas.

Many Canadians love Halloween, but some don't. Some people don't like Halloween because it is against their faith. Canada has many cultures and religions, so it's okay if you don't celebrate Halloween.

Here are some fun Halloween activities:

- Carve pumpkins (Jack-o'-lanterns)
- Decorate your house
- Wear a costume
- Watch scary movies
- Go trick-or-treating

Trick-or-treating is when children go door-to-door for candy. It's best to give pre-packaged candy. Parents usually only let children eat store-bought candy. Children should trick-or-treat in groups or with an adult. They should also have a flashlight or reflective tape on their costumes.

If you don't want trick-or-treaters to come to your door, turn your lights off and don't decorate.

Many churches have "Trunk or Treat" events. Children can go to the church parking lot and get candy from decorated cars.

One bad thing about Halloween is that it's at the end of fall. So, you might need to wear a coat with your costume!

## Vocabulary:

Halloween - October 31st celebration

Spooky – scary

Costumes – special clothes

Trick or treating – visit doors and ask for candy

Decorate - make something look better

Pumpkin – a big orange vegetable