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ACTIVITY

Faith at
home

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Pumpkin Gospel: Jesus is the Light of the World

Supplies:

- a small pumpkin (*real or craft*)
- a carving tool or markers
- candle or battery-operated light (*for real pumpkins*)
- Bible
- printable “Pumpkin Gospel” story (*optional*)
- paper, glue, & stickers (*if decorating not carving*)

Steps:

1. **Read the Scripture Together:** Start by reading John 8:12 and talk about how Jesus is the light that helps us see what is true and good.
2. **Pumpkin Object Lesson:** As you carve or decorate the pumpkin, explain each step with a spiritual meaning:
 - Clean out the inside: “Jesus cleans out the yucky sin in our hearts.”
 - Carve a cross or heart on the front: “Jesus fills us with His love and light.”
 - Place a light inside: “When Jesus lives in us, His light shines through us to others.”

Discussion Questions:

- What does it mean that Jesus is the light of the world?
- How can we shine Jesus’ light to others?
- Are there ways we can help others see Jesus through our words and actions?

Optional Add-ons:

- **Make a craft:** Write “Jesus is the Light” on paper pumpkins.
- **Sing a song:** “This Little Light of Mine” is perfect & fun.
- **Memory Verse Challenge:** Practice John 8:12 together.
This activity keeps the fun and excitement of pumpkins but clearly points toward Jesus as the source of light and hope—in a season often focused on darkness.

