

HALLOWEEN

Partner Plays

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Parent: Hey! What's going on here?!

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Zach: That's boring. Besides, a mummy costume will be so easy!

Lisa: You think so? And just what do you have in mind for it?

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Zach: Not if we use the super-strong kind! It might tear a little bit, but that's okay. That will make me look more real!

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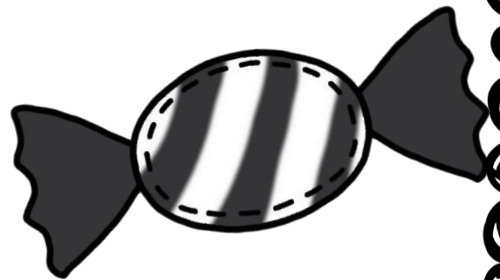
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Trick-or-What?! (continued)

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Lisa pulls out a can of green beans.

Tate: What on Earth is that?!

Lisa: It's a can of green beans! I just got it from that house three doors down the street.

Tate: They really gave you a can of green beans?!

Lisa: Yes! I rang the doorbell, and when they opened the door, I saw a big pile of them sitting there! I'm pretty sure that's what they are giving every kid that comes to the door!

Tate: We'll skip that house for sure! What did you do when they handed it to you?

Lisa: I was so shocked I didn't know what to say!

Tate: So what did you do?

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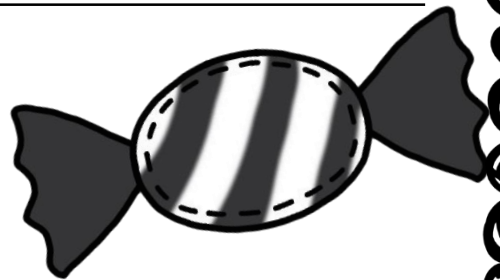
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Ryan: I decided that I want to be a mummy!

Parent: A mummy? Why not a baseball player? Then you could just wear your uniform from last summer.

Ryan: That's boring.. Besides, a mummy costume will be so easy!

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Ryan: You will just need to wrap me up in a bunch of toilet paper!

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The Mummy (continued)

Ryan: You worry too much! It never rains here in October!

Parent: Don't you think it's wasteful to use that much toilet paper that you will end up throwing in the trash?

Ryan: I won't waste it! After I get back from trick-or-treating, I will carefully unwrap myself and then put it in a pile in the corner of the bathroom to use!

Parent: You have got to be kidding!

Ryan: Please, can I be a mummy?

Parent: You've worn me down. If you want to be a mummy so badly that you are willing to reuse the toilet paper, I won't stop you.

Ryan: Yay! I'm so excited! Thanks!

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Parent: Ryan! What happened to you?!

Ryan: There was a house on Fifth Street that had a crack in their sidewalk. Being all wrapped up, I had to be careful to not move my head too much, and I didn't see it. I tripped and fell into the grass. I learned that grass is wet at night this time of year.

Parent: (laughing) Well, there goes our toilet paper supply for the next three months!

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The Visit from the Vampire

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It's the morning of Halloween. The doorbell rings.

Dawn: I'll get it!

Dawn opens the door without even looking out the window to see if he knows the person at the door.

Vampire: I've come to suck your blood!

Dawn: *(screaming)* Aaaaahhhhhh!

Parent: Hey! What's going on here?!

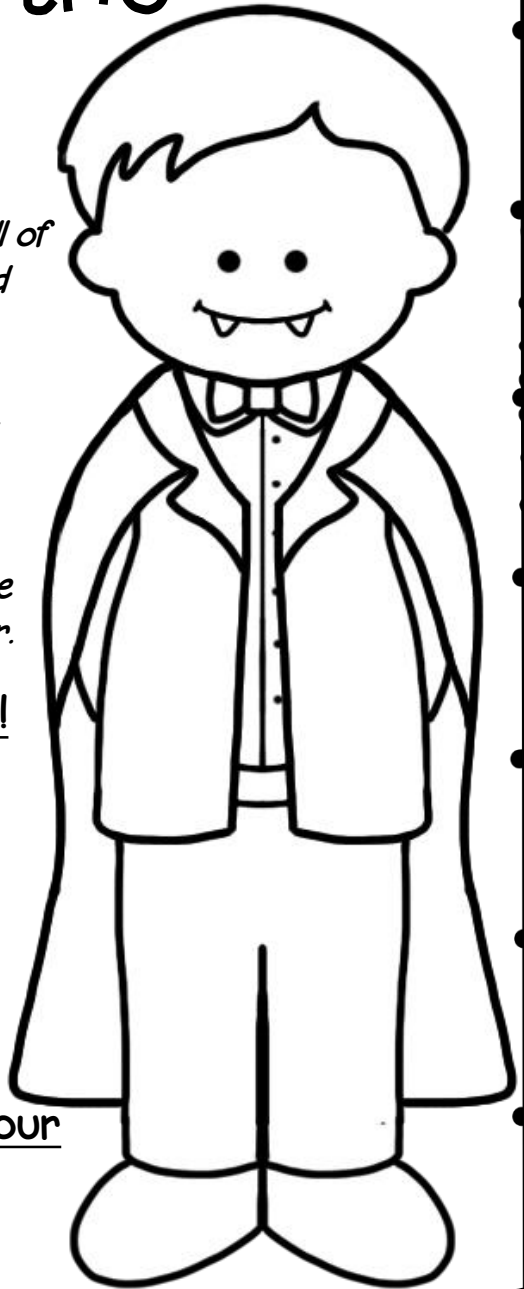
The vampire quickly removes his fangs from his mouth when he sees how frightened Dawn is.

Vampire: I'm so sorry!! It's just me -your neighbor, Kyle Robbins!

Dawn: Th-that's you, Mr. Robbins?

Vampire: Yes! I'm so sorry. I thought this costume was so cheesy that you would know it was me as soon as you opened the door.

Dawn: I can tell it's you now. Maybe I didn't know it was you right away because I just woke up.



The Visit from the Vampire (continued)

Parent: I didn't even know you were up yet, Dawn. I was surprised when I heard you call that you were getting the door.

Dawn: I woke up just before the doorbell rang. I went to the door, opened it, and there was a vampire! It was so scary!

Vampire: Oh, I feel so badly! I should have known better to come over so early in the morning.

Dawn: That's okay, Mr. Robbins.

Parent: If you ask me, Dawn learned a very good lesson this morning.

Dawn: I did?

Parent: You know that you should always look out the window before you open the door. If you don't know the person outside, you should get me.

Dawn: Oh. Yes, you are right. I *did* learn my lesson!

Parent: Thank you, Mr. Robbins, for helping teach Dawn this lesson this morning. It's an important one, and I think Dawn understands that now.

Dawn: You know what?

Vampire: What?

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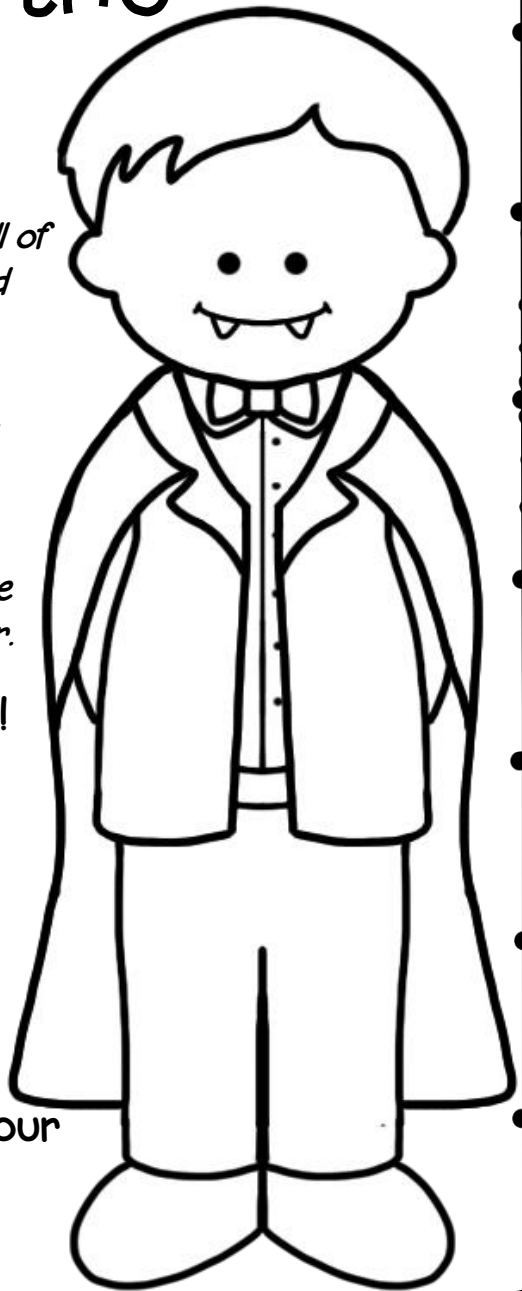
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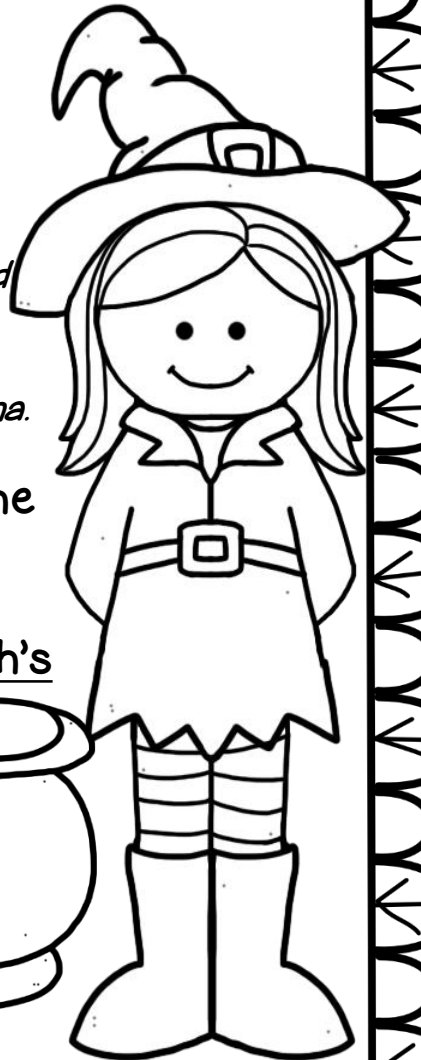
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Peter: Trust me! John was just trying to scare you.

Tina: If so, he did a good job. I won't go to that house!

Peter: But, Tina! If you don't go, then I don't get to go, either!

Tina: I don't care.



The Witch's Brew (continued)

Peter: Please?! The witch gives king-size candy bars!

Tina: She does?

Peter: Yes, she did last year, anyway. Hey, let's just start walking that way. If you really get scared and want to turn around, we will.

Tina: Do you promise?

Peter: I promise. Besides, I know Mom and Dad would kill me if I made you go when you didn't want to.

Peter and Tina walk toward the witch's house.

Tina: There she is! I see the witch stirring her brew!

Peter: Me, too. See? She looks harmless, doesn't she? Think of her as a nice witch - one that gives kids king-size candy bars!

Tina: Okay. Peter, what do you think that green stuff in the witch's pot is?

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Jena: Sure! What are we going to do?

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Parent: Well, instead of charging money to go through the haunted house, the sign said they are asking for cans of fruits and vegetables.

Jena: Are they going to give the cans to the food pantry in town?

Parent: Yes. Isn't that neat? Just think, you would be going through the haunted house to support a good cause! Besides, I will be going through the haunted house with you. You can hide behind me as we go through it!

Jena: Well, okay. I will do it. Let's go, before I change my mind.

Minutes later, Jena and her parent are pulling into the parking lot next to the haunted house.

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This is how I choose to organize my partner plays:

1. I print each script on cardstock. Each script is two pages, but I print them on one piece of paper, creating a 2-sided script.
2. I laminate each script.
3. I put each pair of scripts in one folder.
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