

Halloween Tips to Help Build Great Kids

Here are 8 tips to help build Developmental Assets®—the skills, experiences, relationships, and behaviours that kids need to succeed—with neighbourhood children when they come trick-or-treating.



Tip #1: Light up your front door to indicate a welcoming and safe place.

Tip #2: Make all trick-or-treaters feel special and welcome. Find something to comment on in how they're dressed. Be wowed by pretty princesses and scared by goblins.

Tip #3: Greet those you know by name. If you recognize youth from your neighbourhood but don't know their names, ask, and tell them yours.

Tip #4: Share treats that reflect your culture or values.

Tip #5: Get together with neighbours to decorate.

Tip #6: Consider making a special treat bag (with extra treats or surprises) for the children who live nearest to you. When they arrive, make a fuss about them coming and say you have something extra special for them.

Tip #7: Remember to greet kids the next day, when they don't have costumes on!

Tip #8: Welcome older kids when they come to your door - they are, after all, still kids.