



### **Analogy of Christians being like...well, pumpkins.**

Of course, we are not physically like pumpkins- we're not orange and round and filled with orange gunk and seeds aplenty- but the analogy is something to share as an encouragement:

**“It's like being a pumpkin:  
God picks you from the patch, brings you in, and washes all the dirt  
off you may have gotten from the other pumpkins.  
Then he cuts the top off and scoops out all the yucky stuff.  
He removes the seeds of doubt, hate, greed, etc.  
Then He gives you a new smiling face and puts His light inside of  
you to shine for all the world to see.”**

#### **1. We are hand selected**

God hand selects us! We are chosen! Very much like in the verse John 15:16, where Jesus is giving the Vine and the Branches illustration, reads:

*“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit- fruit that will last- and so that whatever you ask in my name the father will give you.” – John 15:16*

## **2. We're washed clean**

We all know how dirty pumpkins can appear at times! In order to clean them, of course we have to wash them! The blood of Jesus washes away our sins, the things that make us as humans unclean. A pumpkin has an inside and an outside. Not only does God wash us clean from the outside, he removes our sin, and in doing that we are washed clean and made new from the inside out. We are not captive to sin, or the shame that comes with it, because through Christ we are made new!

*“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come. The old has gone, the new is here!” – 2 Corinthians 5:17*

God carefully removes our seeds of doubt, hate, greed. Instead of holding onto these unfruitful seeds, God replaces them with seeds of faith, hope and love.

## **3. He gives us a smile**

God brings such a joy to our lives, and our smiles are living proof of this.

*“My lips will shout for joy when I sing praise to you-  
I whom you have delivered.” – Psalm 71:23*

#### **4. He shines through us**

When Christ dwells in us, we shine through to the people around us. Through the darkness of this occasion, we can reflect His light to glorify our Father.

*“In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” – Matthew 5:16*

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No matter whether you celebrate Halloween or you don't, I hope this analogy encourages you as Halloween approaches.

At a time when so many are celebrating darkness and all things scary, you can be a shining light to all believers and unbelievers. Pray for those who do not believe, your friends, family, students, or colleagues, and show each of them the love that your Father in Heaven shows us.

*“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.”*  
- John 1:5