

## What now?

If you would like to believe in Jesus, and want to live in the light, then talk to God about it now. This prayer will help you.

## Dear God

*I'm sorry for the wrong things I've done, and for enjoying the dark things that take me away from you.*

*Please forgive me.*

*Thank you for sending your Son Jesus to be the light of the world.*

*Please help me to follow Jesus, and to live the way you want me to live.*

*Amen*

## Wow!

Do you remember what Jesus said? *"Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*

Jesus' words are always true. He never tricks us. If you have put your trust in Jesus, he has saved you from the wrong you do and has forgiven you. That's a great treat—a fantastic free gift to thank God for.

*To find out more about Jesus, ask the person who gave you this leaflet, or see if you can join a group at a local church where they teach the Bible.*

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# TRICK OR TREAT?



**Halloween** is famous as the time for **"Trick or Treat"**.

But is Halloween a trick **or** a treat?  
And have we been tricked into missing the best treat of all?

**Keep reading** to find out...

## An amazing treat

A treat is a free gift—something we don't deserve. Have you ever heard about this fantastic treat? God sent his own Son, Jesus, as a free gift to us.

Take the first letter of each pic to see what Jesus said about himself:



"I am the \_\_\_\_\_ of the world. Whoever follows



me will never walk in \_\_\_\_\_,

but will have the light of life." John 8 v 12



When you switch on a light, even the darkest room stops being dark. The darkness is wiped out by the light.

We all have dark things in our lives. We do, say and think things that are wrong. These wrong things stop us from being friends with God. But Jesus is the way we can be forgiven for these things. He is the light that wipes out the darkness in our lives.

## A big trick

Sometimes dark things don't look dark to us. You probably think Halloween is a lot of fun. Dressing up as a witch or ghost. Carving lanterns. Knocking on people's doors and shouting: "Trick or treat!"



These things seem to be great fun—but they are not what they look like. They are based on dark festivals that have been held for thousands of years. These festivals celebrate evil spirits and the devil. We've been tricked into thinking they are "harmless fun"—but they're not.

God helps us to understand which things are dark and not good for us. His book, the Bible, tells us that the spiritual world is real. Evil spirits are real. The devil is real, and some witches worship him. They celebrate dark

things, and want you to be in the dark, too—far away from God and the good things He gives us.

But there's no need to be afraid...

## The light wins!

At the very first Easter, Jesus was nailed to a cross of wood and left to die. As he died, all the wrong things we do were put onto Jesus. He took the punishment we deserve.

When Jesus died, it looked as if the devil had won. But he hadn't! Jesus didn't stay dead. God brought him back to life, to show that God's light had beaten the devil's darkness, and that all the wrong things we have done can be wiped away.

When Jesus beat the devil, it meant people could walk out of the darkness and into the light. If we believe in Jesus, and trust him to deal with all the wrong things in our lives, he will.

Instead of living in darkness, we can be forgiven for the wrong things we do and be friends with God. This is a fantastic free gift for everyone who believes in Jesus.

