

Here are some pumpkin activities picked just for you!



Fingerplay: 5 little pumpkins, sitting on a gate (hold up 5 fingers) The 1st one said, "My it's getting late!" (hold up one finger and pretend to point to a watch on your wrist) The 2nd one said, "It's very windy out here!" (hold up 2 fingers and wave them back and forth) The 3<sup>rd</sup> one said, "But we don't care" (hold up 3 fingers and shrug your shoulders) The 4<sup>th</sup> one said, "Let's run and run and run!" (hold up 4 fingers and then put them on a surface and move them like they are running) The 5<sup>th</sup> one said, "Let's have some fun!" (hold up 5 fingers and wave hands in the air like you are dancing) WHOOOSH went the wind! Out went the lights (clap your hands) And the 5 little pumpkins rolled out of sight (roll your arms)

**Art:** You will need small paper bags, orange, green, and black paint, some rubber bands, and balled up newspaper to help your child create their own pumpkin patch. They can fill the bags up with various amounts of balled up newspaper to make different sizes of pumpkins. After painting the bags orange and letting them dry,

use a rubberband to close up the bag and make a stem. Have your child paint the stem green. Set the pumpkins out and tell your child that when it gets closer to Halloween, you will "pick" the pumpkins and paint jack-o-lantern faces on them!

**Tic-Tac-Toe:** Draw a large grid of 9 squares on paper or cardboard. Use very small pumpkins (orange and white) or pumpkin cut-outs, teach your child how to play tic-tac-toe! This game can be played over and over since you are not drawing the x's and o's!!

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