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Trick or Treat

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'Trick or Treat' is the most enjoyable event for kids during Halloween. I heard one person say that the very things we ask kids not to do as they grow – do not talk to strangers, do not receive anything from strangers – are what we let them do on Halloween with or without supervision.

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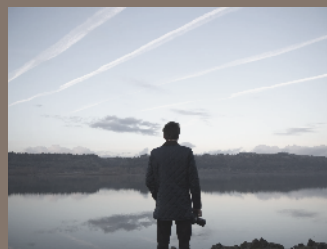
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It is interesting to know the history behind this tradition. The ancient celtic people from Ireland celebrated their new year on Nov 1. They celebrated the new year's eve and called it 'Samhain' – a night they believed the ghosts of the dead can return and walk the earth. Though the ancient celts are no longer a living culture the 'Samhain' festival is still celebrated. The catholic church tradition of celebrating 'All Saints Day' on Nov 1, also known as 'All Hallows Day', the day remembering the dead in heaven influenced the 'Samhain' festival. Therefore, it came to be called 'All Hallow's Eve' or Halloween.

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In Britain, a practice called 'souling' emerged. The poor people would go door to door on Nov 1 or 2, offering prayers for the dead and receiving food as a reward. The food was called 'soul cakes.' Meanwhile in the Irish tradition, a parallel tradition emerged called 'guising.' Kids and adults disguised themselves with costumes and masks to hide from wandering spirits and visited door to door singing songs, poems or performing tricks and receiving food, nuts, or coins as a reward.

With the complexity surrounding this celebration and its practices, though some are truly evil and not to be dabbled with, we can boldly declare that 'Satan tricks us, but Jesus treats us well.'

Paul inspired by the Holy Spirit informs us in 2 Cor 11:13-15, " 13 For such people are false apostles, deceitful workers, masquerading as apostles of Christ. 14 And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light. 15 It is not surprising, then, if his servants also masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve."

And David the psalmist inspired by the Holy Spirit writes, Psalm 103:9-12, " 9 He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; 10 he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. 11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; 12 as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us."

The enemy of our souls seeks to steal, kill, destroy, deceive, and trick us. But the lover of our souls has promised to treat us well because His love and forgiveness are beyond our understanding, even though we don't deserve them. All we need to do is to fear Him for in Him there is unlimited love and forgiveness. When we turn to Him in true repentance, we are always loved and treated well as His own children.

Dear TGC family, let us never forget, "Satan tricks us but Jesus always treats us well."

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November

2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1 7 am: • First Saturday Morning Prayer
2 5 pm: • Sunday Service • Sunday School • Tamil Class	3	4	5 8 pm: • Wednesday Night Prayer	6	7 8 pm: • Small Groups Study	8 11 am: • Fasting Prayer
9 5 pm: • Sunday Service • Sunday School • Girls Youth Group • Tamil Class	10	11 7 pm: • Elders Meeting	12 8 pm: • Wednesday Night Prayer	13	14 8 pm: • Small Groups Study	15 10 am: • CUP Outreach
16 5 pm: • Sunday Service • Sunday School • Tamil Class	17	18	19 8 pm: • Wednesday Night Prayer	20	21	22
23 5 pm: • Thanksgiving Sunday Service • Sunday School • Tamil Class	24	25	26	27	28	29
30 5 pm: • Sunday Service • Sunday School • Tamil Class						

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Bryan Immanuel	November 02
Abron Wins	November 04
Shalin Manoj	November 05
Sharon Samuel	November 06
Raja George	November 06
Isai Nirmal	November 06
Andrea Raj Andrew	November 07
Susan Charles	November 07
Steve Jesukanth	November 08
Grace Dinesh	November 08
Samuel Jebaraj	November 09
Juliya Newton	November 11
Ham Jeen Franklin	November 12
Rajesh Jebaraj	November 16
Charles Jeyasingh	November 19
Benita Sharon Samuel	November 20
Ryan Noah Manoj	November 20
Richy Gerard	November 26
Jagan	November 27
Karthikeyan RM	November 28

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Geopher Stephy & Becca Geopher
November 24

Benneaser John & Sasirekha Benneaser
November 30