



Pumpkins! Pumpkins! Pumpkins!

If you want to find pumpkin ideas, they are everywhere! I am 100% positive you can find so many ideas on Pinterest or doing a Google search. Here are just a couple of FYIs, ways to expand on traditional projects.

Faces! This is a good month to practice emotions and facial expressions.

- ✓ Name body parts!
- ✓ Imitate facial expressions and label emotions!
- ✓ Be free! If you sometimes get stuck, wanting your child to place pieces in the “right place” this month is your month to practice allowing your child to experiment. Monster looking faces and ghoulish looks are “in”! Anything goes!



Check out these two mom-created websites which have helpful activity ideas and templates to print.

Simple shape templates for pumpkins, leaves, bats. Credit goes to Kaitlen at SimpleMomProject.com
<https://simplemomproject.com/pumpkin-templates/>

Heard of the rhyme *Five Little Pumpkins*? It’s an HRC favorite! You child can make and color his/her own booklet!

<https://teachingmama.org/five-little-pumpkins-free-rhyme-booklet/>

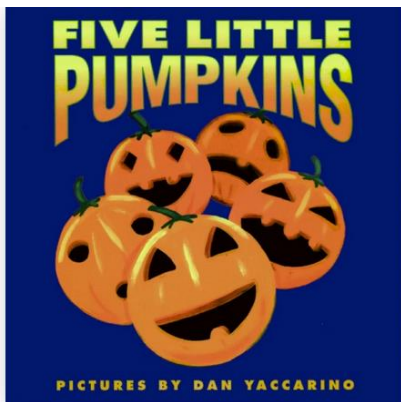
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Here are the lyrics to Five Little Pumpkins (Public Domain):

Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate
First one said "Oh my, it's getting late!"
Second one said "There are witches in the air"
The third one said " but we don't care!"
The fourth one said "let's run and run and run"
The fifth one said "I'm ready for some fun!"
Ooo ooo went the wind, and out went the light
And the five little pumpkins rolled out of sight

Promise me you will not say that rhyme without wonderful animation and expression and sounds! My favorite part – ooo oooo went the wind and out went the light! (while a family member switches the light out). Make up some hand motions with your family members. It's a lot of fun!

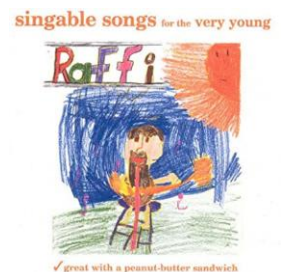
This can be chanted or... sung... or a combination of the two. Here are two resources that you can use to enhance your experience. There are many versions on YouTube.



My favorite book version. Why? Simple pictures allow your child to really get into the story and identify items, practice words. Also, the pumpkins all have different mouths... great to practice those facial expressions and name emotions.

Book citation: Yaccarino, Dan. *Five Little Pumpkins*. Harper Festival, 1998.

Tried and true: My favorite song version:
Five Little Pumpkins. *Singable Songs for the Very Young: Sung by Raffi with Ken Whiteley*. Shoreline, 1979.



Some thoughts about Pumpkins
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