LIGHT *the* NIGHT

OCT 31ST

SHINE THE **LIGHT** OF JESUS
IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD

- 7 SIMPLE IDEAS TO REACH YOUR NEIGHBORS
- KID-FRIENDLY AND FAMILY FOCUSED
- SHARE HOPE. SHARE THE GOSPEL.
- BE THE LIGHT IN YOUR COMMUNITY!

FAMILY RESOURCE KIT

IDEAS • TIPS • PARENT HELP PAGES

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A Family Resource Kit for October 31

Turn an ordinary night in your neighborhood into an opportunity for prayer, hospitality, kindness, and Gospel-centered connection.

HOW TO USE THIS KIT

Choose one outreach idea that fits your family. Then use the matching Parent Help Page to connect the activity to Scripture, conversation, and prayer.

7 SIMPLE IDEAS

Tract-for-Treat • Meet-for-Treats • Give the Gift • Invite ’em Over • Block Party • Leave the Light On • Walk the Walk

ONE FAMILY. ONE CONVERSATION. ONE HEART AT A TIME.

IDEA 1

Tract-for-Treat

Turn trick-or-treating into a simple opportunity to help your children share the love of Jesus with neighbors.

How It Works

- Choose a fun, God-honoring costume and avoid frightening themes.
- Pair tracts with church invite cards before you head out.
- Visit homes with porch lights on and exchange a tract or invite card as your child receives candy.
- Encourage a simple phrase such as “God bless you” or “Jesus loves you.”

THE BOTTOM LINE

Your children still enjoy the fun of the evening, while your family places a Gospel message into the hands of neighbors.

Helpful Tips

- Always accompany your children and use normal nighttime safety practices.
- Consider attaching a piece of candy to each tract.
- Check all candy before children eat it.

PARENTS HELP PAGE

Use the “Woman at the Well” Parent Help Page.

IDEA 2

Meet-for-Treats

Halloween can create an easy, natural opportunity to introduce yourself to neighbors you have not met before.

How It Works

- Choose a fun, God-honoring costume.
- Bring tracts and church invite cards.
- As you go door-to-door, introduce yourself and learn your neighbors' names.
- Offer an invite card and personally invite them to church.

THE BOTTOM LINE

The goal is more than handing someone a card: it is beginning a relationship. A name and a face can turn a brief encounter into a future connection.

Helpful Tips

- Use the same nighttime safety practices as Tract-for-Treat.
- Keep the invitation personal, warm, and pressure-free.

PARENTS HELP PAGE

Use the "Woman at the Well" Parent Help Page.

IDEA 3

Give the Gift

A small, thoughtful gift can open the door to a relationship - and relationships can open the door to the Gospel.

How It Works

- Create a small fall-themed gift bag with candy, goodies, or another simple item.
- Include a tract and church invite card.
- Add a short personal note inviting the recipient to church.
- Deliver the gift before October 31 or take it with you during Meet-for-Treats.

THE BOTTOM LINE

The gift does not need to be expensive. The purpose is to show kindness, start a conversation, and make a genuine connection.

Helpful Tips

- Use gifts alongside Meet-for-Treats to make introductions easier.
- Keep the presentation cheerful and welcoming rather than scary.

PARENTS HELP PAGE

Use the “Woman at the Well” Parent Help Page.

IDEA 4

Invite ’em Over

If hospitality fits your family, invite a few neighbors over for a simple gathering where relationships can grow naturally.

How It Works

- Plan a small gathering with treats for children and food or drinks for adults.
- Hand-deliver invitations when possible.
- Prepare a few games or simple activities for the kids.
- Use the time to learn about your neighbors and build genuine relationships.

THE BOTTOM LINE

A relaxed gathering gives families time to connect in a comfortable setting and creates natural opportunities for future friendship and invitation.

Helpful Tips

- Partner with another family or small group so hosting is easier.
- Be intentional, but let conversation remain natural and welcoming.
- A family-friendly movie or activity can give children something meaningful to do.

PARENTS HELP PAGE

Use the “Matthew’s Dinner Party” Parent Help Page.

IDEA 5

Block Party

Ready for something bigger? A block party expands the same hospitality idea to your street or cul-de-sac.

How It Works

- Invite neighbors with hand-delivered invitations.
- Plan food, games, and simple goody bags for children.
- Include tracts and invite cards in adult or child gift bags.
- Recruit other families from your church or small group to share the work.

THE BOTTOM LINE

A neighborhood gathering takes more preparation, but it can help your family meet many people at once in an open, welcoming setting.

Helpful Tips

- Check neighborhood or HOA rules before planning.
- Ask permission when the gathering could affect a neighbor’s property or space.
- Share costs and responsibilities with other families.
- Have a gracious plan for handling anything that becomes disruptive or inappropriate.

PARENTS HELP PAGE

Use the “Matthew’s Dinner Party” Parent Help Page.

IDEA 6

Leave the Light On

You do not have to go anywhere to make an impact. Welcome the families who come to your door.

How It Works

- Stock up on candy.
- Attach a tract, church invite card, or Scripture label to the treats.
- Turn on the porch light and be ready to welcome neighbors.
- Introduce yourself and look for simple opportunities to connect.

THE BOTTOM LINE

This may be the easiest option in the kit, especially for households without young children. Let your home become a warm point of connection on the street.

Helpful Tips

- Consider sitting outside with a chair and a candy bucket so conversations feel more natural.
- Invite children to help prepare Scripture labels or treat bags.

PARENTS HELP PAGE

Use the “Empty Tomb” Parent Help Page.

IDEA 7

Walk the Walk

If you are not participating in trick-or-treating, use the evening as an opportunity to prayer-walk your neighborhood.

How It Works

- Walk your street or neighborhood during the busiest hours.
- Pray for the homes, families, and people you see.
- When appropriate, stop to talk with neighbors and ask whether there is anything you can pray about.
- Keep invite cards or tracts available for natural conversations.

THE BOTTOM LINE

Prayer walking turns the evening into an intentional time of intercession and helps your family notice and care for the people around you.

Helpful Tips

- Go with one or two other people for safety.
- Consider beginning or ending with a small-group prayer gathering.

PARENTS HELP PAGE

This activity can be paired with any of the Parent Help Pages.

PARENTS HELP PAGES

The outreach ideas are practical; these pages help connect the experience to Scripture. Read the passage together, ask a few questions, try the family activity, and finish by praying for the people your family may meet.

A SIMPLE RHYTHM

READ • TALK • DO • PRAY

The Woman at the Well

For Tract-for-Treat, Meet-for-Treats & Give the Gift

	John 4:4-29
	Show your children Jesus' example of meeting people where they are and sharing good news with them.

Talk About It

- Why might people in Jesus' day have been surprised that He spoke with the Samaritan woman?
- Did Jesus wait for her to come to Him, or did He meet her where she was?
- What happened after she understood who Jesus was?

Family Activity

Family activity: Use two cups of water with different amounts of food coloring to talk about influence and transformation. Keep the illustration simple: Jesus sends us into the world to share His love without letting the world reshape our values.

PRAY TOGETHER

Pray together for courage, wisdom, and opportunities to show God's love to people around you.

Matthew’s Dinner Party

For Invite ’em Over & Block Party

	Matthew 9:9-13
	Help your children see how Matthew used hospitality to introduce his friends to Jesus.

Talk About It

- How did the religious leaders react when Jesus ate with people they considered sinners?
- Do you think Matthew’s friends already knew how to act around Jesus?
- Who are people your family could invite, welcome, or help meet Jesus?

Family Activity

Family activity: Set several places at the table and designate one as “Jesus’ chair.” Brainstorm people your family knows - neighbors, friends, coworkers, classmates, or local workers - and pray for each person by name or description.

PRAY TOGETHER

Pray that God would help your family welcome people well and point them toward Jesus.

The Empty Tomb

For Leave the Light On

	Matthew 28:1-10
	Show your children how people can arrive expecting one thing and encounter a life-giving surprise instead.

Talk About It

- What did the women expect to find at the tomb?
- What did they discover instead?
- How did their emotions change after they learned Jesus was alive?

Family Activity

Family activity: Use a safe surprise-taste illustration - for example, place sugar in a clean container normally used for salt, then explain how an unexpected good surprise can change a moment. Connect that idea to offering unexpected kindness and hope to people who come to your door.

PRAY TOGETHER

Pray that the people your family meets would experience the love and life of Jesus.

DON’T LET THE PORCH LIGHT BE THE ONLY LIGHT IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD.

On October 31, choose kindness over fear, relationship over isolation, and intentional prayer over simply letting the night pass by.

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