

#ELFBCNEIGHBORING

HALLOWEEN NEIGHBORING

A Guide to Loving Your Neighbor on Halloween



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HALLOWEEN IDEAS FOR YOUR LIFEGROUP

Halloween presents a unique opportunity to connect with our neighbors. Our neighbors are out and about. We have opportunities to meet people who are typically in their homes enjoying the night. Maybe they are walking with their families around your neighborhood, trick-or-treating. Maybe they're answering the door and handing out candy. Either way, Halloween can be the start of new relationships.

We want you and your LifeGroup to be free to connect with new people in your neighborhood this Halloween. We encourage you to partner together with your LifeGroup to engage people you might not normally talk with. Here are a few ways to prepare your LifeGroup, mind, and heart to be ready for serving our neighborhoods on Halloween.

IDEAS

1 TRUNK OR TREAT ON YOUR DRIVEWAY

Set up chairs and throw some candy in the trunk of the cleanest car in your lifegroup. Take it to another level and decorate inside and around the trunk with Halloween decorations!

2 REVERSE TRICK-OR-TREAT

Pack up goodie bags of candy with a church invitation card inside and deliver them to homes in your neighborhood as you go trick or treating with your family.

3 DRIVEWAY GAMES

Set up fun activities at the end of your driveway (i.e. pumpkin bowling, face painting, cornhole). Pinterest has a ton of ideas for creative games and ideas to foster engagement.

4 GIVE OUT THE BEST CANDY

Helloooooo, KING-size candy bars, anyone?

5 GLOW-STICKS

Giving out glow-sticks on Halloween will make your house the brightest stop in the neighborhood! Take it up a notch and pass out glow bracelets and necklaces!

IDEAS

6 SET UP A BLOCK PARTY

Set up a block party with snacks and drinks. Walking around the neighborhood with your kids in costumes can be tiring. Help your neighbors refuel with some energizing snacks and drinks. Consider some individually wrapped granola bars, bottled water, or Gatorade.

7 FIRE-PIT WITH SMORE'S

There is something about gathering around a fire that helps people feel at home. A fire pit may help bring some warmth to what could be a chilly night!

8 OUTDOOR MOVIE

Use a projector and have a kid-friendly Halloween movie playing like Charlie Brown's The Great Pumpkin or Monster's Inc. Projecting a movie onto a big white sheet or your garage door could provide a moment for the kids to rest and for you to engage in conversation with their parents.

9 HALLOWEEN COOKIES

Make Halloween themed homemade cookies. Because, who doesn't need more sugar to add to their Halloween diet?

10 EAGLE'S LANDING CONNECT CARDS

If you have a chance to engage in conversation with some of your neighbors, don't hesitate to invite them to church. Hand them an invitation card and accompany it with an invite to lunch or dinner with your family!

NEIGHBORING DO'S

Pray for your Neighborhood.

Be present. Being there matters.

Be strategic. If your house does not get many visitors, gather together at a LifeGroup members house that has the most foot traffic in their neighborhood.

Engage with people. Ask questions. Take interest in them

Be Ready to share the Gospel. You may be presented with an opportunity to share the hope of Jesus with someone. Be ready

Consider inviting your neighbors over for dinner. Relationships deepen around a kitchen table.

NEIGHBORING DONT'S

Don't be a Grinch on Halloween; he's the Christmas villain.

Don't turn off your lights so you can avoid people or protest Halloween.

Don't give out toothbrushes, or other items that will make your neighbor say, "Really?"

Don't prank your neighbors.

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SHARING THE GOSPEL

As we've said, we want to be ready to share the gospel if the opportunity presents itself. Here are a few links to an article and a video that will help you get ready to share the gospel with someone you meet.

- 7 Tips for Sharing Your Faith: [click here](#)
- 3 Circles Gospel Presentation: [click here](#)
- The Story: [click here](#)

THE GOAL

Remember, the big win for Halloween is to **connect with people through relationships**. Our hope is that our neighborhoods will come to know the love of God in Jesus Christ as we love them, care for them, and welcome them.

As we neighbor well, we are building the foundation for gospel conversations, making Jesus known, and bringing God glory. As you engage with your neighbors, remember that reality—remember why we're here. We're looking forward to how God will use your group to reach our neighborhoods in Henry County!

You are sent!