**How Christians are like Pumpkins**

**A Fun Pumpkin Project & Poem For Kids**

**An adult can introduce a fun time of pumpkin carving by saying,**

**“We’re going to carve our pumpkin now, and while we do it, look at how God has chosen and shapes us. We’re doing this as a practical application of what the Apostle Paul encouraged us to do when he said,**

***“Let every detail in your lives—words, actions, whatever—be done in the name of the Master,***

***Jesus, thanking God the Father every step of the way”***

***Col. 3:17, MSG”***

**As we carve our pumpkins, let’s think about what we can**

**learn about being a Christian.**

***#1 Adult: pick up the pumpkin and read:***

**God chooses us to be with Him.**

***You did not choose me, but I chose you.***

***John 15:16***

*#****2 Adult: cut off top of pumpkin and remove the seeds and***

***stuff inside and read:***

**God opens up our hearts and cleans up all the**

**bad stuff inside us.**

***Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!***

***2 Cor 5:17***

***#3 Adult: Carve a happy face on the pumpkin and read:***

**God makes us into joyful people who want to**

**tell others about Him!**

***My lips will shout for joy***

***when I sing praise to you—***

***I whom you have delivered.***

***Psalm 71:23***

***#4 Adult: place a light inside the pumpkin and read:***

**With Jesus in us and when we live for Jesus**

**the world can see His light shining through us.**

***In the same way, let your light shine***

***before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.***

***Matt. 5:16***

***#5 Adult: Read closing poem***

**Pumpkins are fun to carve and we**

**See in them what Jesus wants us to be.**

**Forgiven our sins, given new sight**

**Filled with joy and full of light!**