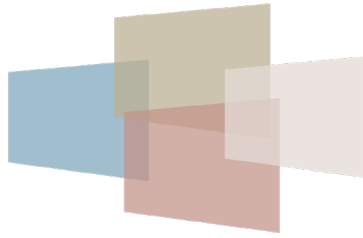




# **HALLOWEEN**

*A Got Questions Ministries Mini Bible Study*





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# ***How to Use This Mini Bible Study***

*Welcome to the Got Questions Ministries Bible Study! We're so glad you're here!*

In these studies you will find content questions to grow your understanding, Bible search questions to dig deeper, and heartfelt questions to spark reflection and discussion. Whether you are a new or seasoned believer, using these Bible studies for personal study or as a small group/Sunday School resource, we hope you will increase in your understanding of what it means to be a follower of Christ and that you will seek Him more passionately.

*You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.*  
– Jeremiah 29:13

These Bible studies are tools to help you grow in your knowledge of the topics at hand. However, knowing about God is not the same as actually knowing Him. God invites each of us to know Him personally and to

Throughout this study, there will be information to read and questions to answer. Next to the questions will be icons. Here is your key to understanding them:



Content Qs



Engage Qs



Bible Look Up Qs



Reflection Qs

have eternal life through Him.

If we place our faith in Him, trusting in His death on the cross to pay for our sins, we will be forgiven and receive the promise of eternal life in heaven.

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son so that anyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.*  
– John 3:16

If you have not yet trusted in Him for salvation or are unsure if you are saved, please visit: [www.gotquestions.org/eternal-life.html](http://www.gotquestions.org/eternal-life.html).

May God richly bless you as you seek to study His Word and grow in your walk with Him (Joshua 1:8)!





# *Lesson 1:* **HALLOWEEN**

*Do not turn to mediums or seek out spiritists, for you will be defiled by them. I am the LORD your God.*

*Leviticus 19:31*

*This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all.*

*1 John 1:5*



***Read the verses above. What do they reveal that is helpful in understanding how a Christian should view Halloween?***



***What is the connection between the command in Leviticus 19:31 and the character of God?***



***What does it mean that God is light and that in Him there is no darkness at all?***



***In what specific areas of your life or the world would you like to see God's light shining?***



***Spend some time praying and praising God that He is light and that in Him there is no darkness. Pray for areas where there is currently darkness in your life or in the world where you would like His light to shine brightly!***



# *Lesson 2:* HALLOWEEN

*Woe to those who call evil good  
and good evil,  
who put darkness for light  
and light for darkness,*

*who put bitter for sweet  
and sweet for bitter.*

*Isaiah 5:20*



***Read the verse above. What does it reveal that is helpful in understanding how a Christian should view Halloween?***



***Compare and contrast the differences in the contrasts in Isaiah 5:20 (evil vs. good, darkness vs. light, bitter vs. sweet).***



*From <https://www.gotquestions.org/meaning-of-woe.html>*

*Woe means “grief, anguish, affliction, wretchedness, calamity, or trouble.” The **Dictionary of Bible Themes** categorizes the uses of the word woe in the Bible: “Woe as an exclamation of judgment on others,” “Woe as an exclamation of misfortune on oneself,” “Woe as an exclamation of sadness over others,” and “Woe may give way to forgiveness, comfort, and deliverance” (Manser, M., ed., Zondervan, 1999).*

*Why would God call a woe on those who do the things listed in Isaiah 5:20?*



*In what ways does God’s character impact His response to evil, darkness, and bitterness?*





***How has God demonstrated goodness, light, and sweetness in your own life?***



***Reflect on your response to evil, darkness, and bitterness. Does it reflect God's character and heart? Repent of ways that you have allowed ungodly thinking to shape your response to evil, darkness, and bitterness. Praise God for who He is and His goodness, light, and sweetness.***

A background image featuring several pumpkins and jack-o'-lanterns. One jack-o'-lantern on the right is lit from within, casting a warm orange glow. The scene is set against a dark background, with other pumpkins and jack-o'-lanterns visible in the background, some also lit.

## Lesson 3: HALLOWEEN

*Some Jews who went around driving out evil spirits tried to invoke the name of the Lord Jesus over those who were demon-possessed. They would say, "In the name of the Jesus whom Paul preaches, I command you to come out." Seven sons of Sceva, a Jewish chief priest, were doing this. One day the evil spirit answered them, "Jesus I know, and Paul I know about, but who are you?" Then the man who had the evil spirit jumped on them and overpowered them all. He gave them such a beating that they ran out of the house naked and bleeding.*

*When this became known to the Jews and Greeks living in Ephesus, they were all seized with fear, and the name of the Lord Jesus was held in high honor. Many of those who believed now came and openly confessed what they had done. A number who had practiced sorcery brought their scrolls together and burned them publicly. When they calculated the value of the scrolls, the total came to fifty thousand drachmas. In this way the word of the Lord spread widely and grew in power.*

*Acts 19:13-20*



**Read the passage above. What does it reveal that is helpful in understanding how a Christian should view Halloween?**



***What does this passage reveal about the reality of the spiritual forces of evil (see also Ephesians 6:10-12)?***



***What stands out to you about the different responses in this passage (the Jews reacting to evil spirits, the evil spirits, and those who came to faith)?***



***How are we called to live differently once we are saved (see Romans 12:1-2 and 2 Corinthians 4 or other verses that come to your mind)?***



***How is God calling you to live differently as a result of your salvation? Is there anything sinful in your life that God is calling you to set aside or even remove forever (like the former sorcerers did) so you can pursue what God says is good, true, and best? What will you pursue instead? Write out a verse to help you remember what you are living for!***



# Lesson 4: HALLOWEEN

*Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel.*  
*Philippians 1:27*



**Read the verse above. What does it reveal that is helpful in understanding how a Christian should view Halloween?**



*From*

<https://www.gotquestions.org/conduct-yourself-manner-worthy-gospel.html>

***Only as a unified body of Christ can we effectively defend the faith and proclaim the gospel to the world. If we want the love and truth of Christ’s message of salvation to apprehend lost people’s hearts, we need them to see us working side by side with each other (John 13:34–35; 17:21–23). For this reason, Paul prayed for the Romans to share “the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Romans 15:5–6). When believers face the world as one united force, they glorify God and draw others to Christ (John 12:32).***

***In these passages, Paul suggests what walking in a manner worthy of the gospel might look like. Our actions should match our message, and our outward presentation should align with our inward convictions, informed by the gospel. Some gospel-worthy behaviors include humility, gentleness, patience, forbearance, unity, and love. All we must do is look at the life of Christ. In every circumstance and situation, we only need to ask ourselves, “Are we bearing fruit in every good work? Is our conduct pleasing to God?”***

***Why is it so important for believers to conduct themselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ?***



***What does it look like practically for you to conduct yourself in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ?***



***As we think about conducting ourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel, unity is important. We are called to pursue unity even when we have differing convictions. What do these verses reveal about unity? What should we be united about?***

***Psalm 133:1:***

***John 17:11; 20-26:***

***Ephesians 4:1-6:***

***Philippians 2:1-15:***

***1 Peter 3:8:***



***What impact would it have for the church to be united about the things that matter?***



***Unity is not uniformity. Unity is also not having the same convictions. Unity is about together holding firm on things that matter and handling with grace and love things that are not essential. How is God calling you to better pursue unity with your fellow believers this week? Ask Him to empower you by His Spirit to do the next right thing.***





# Lesson 5: HALLOWEEN

*You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other. So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.*

*The acts of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity and debauchery; idolatry and witchcraft; hatred, discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, dissensions, factions and envy; drunkenness, orgies, and the like. I warn you, as I did before, that those who live like this will not inherit the kingdom of God.*

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit.*

*Galatians 5:13-25*



**Read the passage above. What does it reveal that is helpful in understanding how a Christian should view Halloween?**



***What elements of Halloween gratify the desires of the flesh or are in conflict with living in the Spirit?***



***What would it look like for Christians to live in the Spirit specifically during Halloween?***



***What elements of Halloween is God calling you to forsake, and how is He calling you to practically live out life in the Spirit during Halloween?***



***Whatever convictions you come to regarding Halloween, what would it look like for you to do so embracing what is good, light, and sweet (lesson 2); doing so in unity (lesson 4); and living in the Spirit and not in the flesh? Ask the Lord to show you where your heart should be as you come to your convictions and the way you live them out.***



# Lesson 6: HALLOWEEN

*One person considers one day more sacred than another; another considers every day alike. Each of them should be fully convinced in their own mind. Whoever regards one day as special does so to the Lord. Whoever eats meat does so to the Lord, for they give thanks to God; and whoever abstains does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives for ourselves alone, and none of us dies for ourselves alone. If we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. For this very reason, Christ died and returned to life so that he might be the Lord of both the dead and the living.*

*You, then, why do you judge your brother or sister? Or why do you treat them with contempt? For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. It is written:*

*“As surely as I live,’ says the Lord,  
‘every knee will bow before me;  
every tongue will acknowledge God.’”*

*So then, each of us will give an account of ourselves to God.*

*Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister. I am convinced, being fully persuaded in the Lord Jesus, that nothing is unclean in itself. But if anyone regards something as unclean, then for that person it is unclean. If your brother or sister is distressed because of what you eat, you are no longer acting in love. Do not by your eating destroy someone for whom Christ died. Therefore do not let what you know is good be spoken of as evil. For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit, because anyone who serves Christ in this way is pleasing to God and receives human approval.*

*Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification.*

*Romans 14:5-19*



***What does the passage on the previous page reveal that is helpful in understanding how a Christian should respond to people who have differing views on Halloween?***



***How does this passage call us to act and treat others when our convictions differ?***



***Looking at situations where you might have differing opinions than others, how does this passage challenge, convict, or encourage you?***



***Is there any situation in your life right now where God is calling you to treat people involved differently as a result of this passage?***



***As Halloween approaches, how could you take this passage to heart and allow the Holy Spirit and His Word to shape your interactions with people who have different convictions than you do?***



# *Lesson 7:* **HALLOWEEN**

*You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*

*Matthew 5:14-16*



***Read the verses above. What do they reveal that is helpful in understanding how a Christian should view Halloween?***



***What does it mean to be the light of the world?***



***How can we be a light to those around us during Halloween?***





***We are a light to the world that points to THE Light of the world. God wants people to know Him and no longer walk in darkness but in light. Regardless of where our convictions fall regarding Halloween, how is God calling you to live as a light to the world during Halloween in actions and attitudes? Pray that He would help you to have a heart that wants to shine brightly for Him so others would come to know and love Him too. Thank Him that He is the Light of the world.***



# Wrap Up

Now that you have studied seven lessons on a Christian's response to Halloween, take some time to reflect on what you've learned and how you will put what you've learned into practice.



***How has your understanding of a Christian's response to Halloween changed or expanded as a result of what you've learned through this study?***



***What will you change in your life as a result of this study?***



***Who in your life would you like to see grow in their understanding of a Christian's response to Halloween? Commit to praying for them. What will you share with them about what you have learned?***