

# HALLOWEEN GAMES FOR CHILDREN

**Drop the Ghost:** Give each child a tissue to make a ghost. Help the child pinch the center of the unfolded tissue and twist it to make the head of the ghost. Once everyone's ghost is made, let the kids drop their ghosts from the top of the stairs or throw them into the air. As the ghosts float down, the kids try to catch the ghosts.

**Ghost-Ghost-Witch:** This is a variation of Duck-Duck-Goose. The witch goes around saying "ghost-ghost -ghost.....witch". Then the witch has to chase the ghost and if she catch the ghost she can put a spell on it. (make him sing, dance, bark etc.)

**Pass The Pumpkin:** Sit in a circle. Provide a plastic pumpkin for children to pass while the teacher beats on a drum. Children pass the pumpkin to the tempo of the music. Alternate between slow and fast. When the music stops the child who has the pumpkin gets a reward (up to teachers).

**Monster Freeze Dance:** Play Halloween music and have the kids dance around like monsters! The Monster Mash is a great song for this game. When the music stops the kids freeze in their monster positions. The first kid to move is out, and the game continues until only one child is left.

**Pumpkin Walk:** This game is played like musical chairs. Place different colored pumpkins on the floor (made from construction paper) and the children walk around them to music. When the music stops the adult calls out a color and the children try to find a pumpkin of that color and stand on it.

**Guess Which Paper Cup Has Candy Under It:** The name of this game says it all. Have children turn their backs while you place five or six cups upside down on a table with candy under one. Tell them to turn around. Have one child at a time come to the table, guess until he guesses the correct cup. Give him a small prize "for being such a good guesser".

**Guess The Ghost:** Start by having the kids sit/stand in a circle. Have one child leave the room and take a large sheet and have another child stand and hide under the sheet. Mix up the remaining children in the room and then allow the child who left the room to come back inside. That child has to guess who's the ghost, by process of elimination they need to figure out which child is hiding under the sheet. Then that "ghost" goes out of the room and a different child becomes the new ghost, mix up the remaining children and repeat until all of the children have had a turn being the ghost.