

Jesus brings light and life.

God and Jesus don't want people to be afraid.

Jesus said this; "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." (John 8 v 12)

So in the same way that a light gets rid of darkness and helps us see things clearly, Jesus will help us understand things clearly too. And he will give us courage to handle the things we're scared of.

Jesus came to earth to shine the light of God's goodness and love, and to help people understand God's ways. And he came to set people free from fear.

He wanted people to discover who God really is and to help them to have a friendship and a life with him and he wants us to love other people, not scare them silly!

It's not wrong to have parties and it's not wrong to have fun. But Jesus is good news and being friends with him is something really worth celebrating!



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Just harmless fun? Let's take a look!

Hallowe'en is about nasty things – people dressing up as ghosts and witches with masks and scary costumes just to frighten others.

It's about darkness. At Christmas we have fun with twinkly lights, but at Halloween it's about the dark side, with pumpkins casting spooky shadows.

It's about fear. And not just the costumes – some older folks are scared to open their doors to “trick or treaters”.

It's about making money by selling scary rubbish to as many people as possible.

And it's about death and remembering the spirits of the dead in a horrible way.

Nasty stuff all round, really.

Where does Hallowe'en come from?

Many years ago Celtic priests called Druids celebrated the start of the dark winter evenings by dancing around bonfires and making sacrifices – including animals and even humans! In fact the word “bonfire” comes from the words “bone fire” because they used to burn wood and bones!

They believed that this was a time when ghosts would wander the earth. They called this festival “Samhain”. It's also known as “All Hallows Eve”, which was shortened to become “Hallowe'en”. So when people celebrate Hallowe'en, that's what they are celebrating – even though many of them don't know it!

People started wearing scary masks and costumes hoping they would scare off the ghosts.

Harmless fun? Hardly.

Hallowe'en has nothing to do with God and his son Jesus and everything to do with God's enemy, the devil. He loves people being afraid and that's what Hallowe'en is all about.

