Halloween - Funnies

**My husband, then in the Air Force, was called in to work on a Saturday. Noticing he wasn’t wearing his uniform, our 4-year-old wondered, “Daddy, aren’t you going to put on your ‘costume’?” *(Doris Posey, in Country Woman magazine)***

**My little cousins were asked if they believed in any of the spooky legends about Halloween. “No,” answered the oldest. “But we do believe in candy!” *(Mary Yoder, in Country Woman)***

**Two little neighbor girls about the same age, one Christian and one Jewish, were constant companions. After one Easter holiday, the grandfather of the Christian girl asked her what her friend had received for Easter. The girl looked at her grandfather in surprise, and said, “But Grandpa, you should know that Becky is Jewish and she wouldn't get anything for Easter.” Then she went on to explain patiently, “You see, I’m Easter and she’s Passover. I’m Christian and she’s Hanukkah.” Then with a big smile, she added, “but I’m really glad that both of us are Halloween.” *(Buddy Westbrook)***

**Billy shows a very small broom to his brothers and says to them: “See this whisk broom? It’s what baby witches fly on!” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**Grandma: “Maybe we’ll pass out bubble gum for Halloween.” Gabby: “Okay, what kind? Watermelon, cotton candy, sour apple, strawberry, grape or lemonade flavored?” Grandma: “When did they stop making bubble gum flavored bubble gum?” *(Steve Breen, in Grand Avenue comic strip)***

**On Halloween night our telephone rang and, as is our custom, I answered, “Trick or treat!” I heard a chuckle at the other end of the line. Then the operator said, “Your treat is a call from your daughter. The trick is, she’s calling collect. Will you accept the charges?” *(John I. Beavers, in Reader’s Digest)***

**A black cat crossing your path signifies that the animal is going somewhere. *(Groucho Marx)***

**Halloween has changed. Remember when they had big candy bars? Now it's these small things. This year someone gave me a One Musketeer bar. Do we really need Halloween? We have terrorists, snipers and anthrax. Oh, no, there's a witch! Oooooooo, I'm scared! A kid came to the door last week dressed as a snowman. I said, “Hey, are you Frosty?” and the kid said, “No, I’m Ted Williams.” *(Jay Leno)***

**Halloween night in the western suburb of Chicago was cold and stormy, and few children ventured to our door. After about an hour of inactivity, the bell finally rang again, and a small boy dressed as a clown greeted us with a loud “Trick or Treat!” As we ushered him in out of the storm, we asked what he would like from our big bowl of treats. “Just dump the whole bowl in my sack,” he said. “Nobody else is coming tonight.” *(Barrie Blackburn, in Reader’s Digest)***

**While teaching first grade at our Lutheran school, I conducted an annual Bible character pumpkin decorating contest. The whole family was encouraged to get involved with their entry to make it an enjoyable family project. One year, a boy brought in a particularly ferocious-looking pumpkin he had named “Goliath.” I admired it and asked him if his father or his mother had carved the face. He answered, “No, it was my grandfather. He has a good memory.” *(Jane Miller, in The Lutheran Witness)***

**Can I wear my Halloween costume for Easter? *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus* *comic strip)***

**Wolverine: "Trick or treat!" Lady: "A wolverine costume! How incredibly realistic!" Wolverine: "You have no idea, Lady!" *(J. C. Duffy, in The Fusco Brothers comic strip)***

**Boy: “I can’t decide if this is a good costume for trick-or-treating. A giant Snickers bar? On the one hand, all the candy being passed out will seem puny by comparison, so people might subconsciously want to give me more to compensate. But on the other hand, maybe they’ll think I have plenty already, and thus will be extra skimpy. What I need to do is consult a psychologist. Dude, I’ve said that for years.” *(Bill Amend, in Foxtrot comic strip)***

**First woman: “I think I'll decorate the house for Halloween.” Second woman: “OK, but nothing too gory. Last year’s decorations were so scary that six little trick-or-treaters ran away crying. And that’s a bad thing!” First woman: “But it’s Halloween!” *(Jan Eliot, in Stone Soup comic strip)***

 **One day last month I opened my morning newspaper and saw a cartoon depicting a child in a department store saying to his mother, “Look, Mommy! Christmas decorations. It must be close to Halloween.” *(Joy O. Daane)***

**I dressed up my dog as a mailman for Halloween. He bit himself. *(Christina Melton, in Reader’s Digest)***

**Halloween is a lot easier since I installed a drive-thru! *(Kevin Fagan, in Drabble comic strip)***

**A bunch of young kids in a large family were enjoying Easter eggs and chocolate rabbits. One of them, remembering experiences of trick-or-treating, remarked, “Easter tastes better than Halloween, and you don't have to ring a lot of doorbells.” *(A Treasury of Humor, Ballantine Books)***

**Animal: “So how do you get the candy on Halloween?” Child: “You wear a scary mask, ring a doorbell, and when someone answers, you yell, ‘Trick or treat’. Then you get a treat to keep you from playing a trick on them.” Animal: “Oh, so it's a day of legal extortion?” Child “Just when I thought Halloween couldn’t get any cooler!” Animal: “OK, now I'm scared.” *(Wiley, in Non Sequitur comic strip)***

**In an effort to get back to the original meaning of Halloween – the eve of All Saints’ Day – one church held a Halloween party in which the children of the parish dressed in costumes representing saints. One lad was a puzzle to the people who planned the party. He was dressed in a football uniform. “You mean,” he exclaimed, “you’ve never heard of the New Orleans’ Saints?” *(Tulsa World)***

**Halloween: The fright before Christmas. *(Arthur J. Tognazzini)***

**Boy: “Who are you supposed to be?” Pumpkin: “I’m the Great Pumpkin from ‘Peanuts’.” I’m the legendary creature that Linus so patiently waited for on Halloween.” Boy: “Are those bits of a security blanket in your teeth?” Pumpkin: “I added a touch of irony.” *(Bill Amend, in Foxtrot comic strip)***

**My three-year-old granddaughter was visiting us and we were about to have lunch. Rachel sat with her hands properly folded and eyes closed as I began Grace. “In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.” Immediately Rachel's eyes flew open. “You are not supposed to say ‘the Holy Ghost,’” she admonished. “You're supposed to say ‘the Holy Spirit.’” Then, afraid she may have hurt my feelings, she quickly added, “You can say ‘the Holy Ghost’ at Halloween.” *(L. M. Shaw, in Catholic Digest)***

**Billy says to his Mother after holding up his skeleton costume at the store: “This would get me lots of candy ‘cause I’d look really hungry.” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**Grandma: “Kids, I've got an idea! We'll make your Halloween costumes this year! I've saved some old tablecloths, tin cans, bread ties, egg cartons, and paper towel tubes.” Child: “So, we'll be going as recycling bins?” *(Steve Breen, in Grand Avenue comic strip)***

**Grandma: “You're using TV to come up with Halloween costume ideas? Try using your imagination.” Child: “Using your imagination' isn't listed on the channel guide.” *(Steve Breen, in Grand Avenue comic strip)***

**No bad habits: If you’re in Alabama, don’t dress up as a nun, priest or rabbi for Halloween. Impersonating “a minister of any religion” is punishable by fine or jail. *(Nina Vizcarrondo, in Time)***

**Grandma: “Any luck coming up with Halloween costume ideas?” Child: “We're watching television for inspiration.” Three hours later Grandma notices that they are still watching TV and says to them: “So, I take it you'll be going as zombies?” *(Steve Breen, in Grand Avenue comic strip)***

**Kids in Halloween costumes outside a darkened house: “We know you’re in there, Mr. Wampler, so turn on the light and come out with your hands full.” *(Stan Fine, in National Enquirer)***

**I wonder if Halloween is the one day of the year Lady Gaga wears sensible slacks. *(Jimmy Kimmel, in Reader's Digest)***

**Lucy: “Tomorrow night is our big night, Linus. All you have to do is walk up to a house, ring the doorbell, and say, ‘Tricks or Treats!’” Linus: “Are you sure that’s legal?” Lucy: “Of course it’s legal!” Linus: “Good. I wouldn’t want to be accused of taking part in a rumble!” *(Charles Schulz, in Peanuts comic strip***

**Little girl: "Why are you writing a list of scary things?" Heart: "Because I'm making a haunted house for Halloween!" Little girl: "Really? The pop-out-and-scream-in-your-face kind? With ghosts and monsters and junk?" Heart: "And cut-off limbs and bloody eyeballs!" Little girl: "That's horrible!" Heart: "Totally gross and frightening!" Little girl: "Sounds like you need a partner." Heart: "Misery loves company." *(Mark Tatulli, in Heart of the City comic strip)***

**I love Halloween. The Christmas decorations look so nice in the department stores. *(The American Legion magazine)***

**My six-year-old son was excited about his Halloween costume. “I’m going to be the Pope,” he said. “Ian, you can’t be the Pope,” I said. “You’re not Catholic. You’re Lutheran.” Ian hadn’t thought about that. So he considered his alternatives. After a few minutes, he asked, “Is Dracula a Lutheran?” *(Jenny Crane, in Reader’s Digest)***

**If you attend a Halloween party, expect to see convicted swindler Bernie Madoff, who is the model for one of the most popular Halloween masks this year. “It’s perfect,” said one Madoff mask buyer. “You carry around a bunch of fake hundreds and throw them all over the place.” *(New York Daily News, as it appeared in The Week magazine, October 23, 2009)***

**Billy: “Math is a lot more fun when you’re counting Halloween treats!” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**Mr. & Mrs. Wilson observe Dennis wearing his devil costume at Halloween and say to each other: “He’s definitely overqualified for that job.” *(Hank Ketcham, in Dennis the Menace comic strip)***

**All my life, my parents said, "Never take candy from strangers." And then they dressed me up and said, "Now go beg for it." *(Rita Rudner, comedian)***

**On Halloween, we placed a phonograph near the front porch to greet the trick-or-treaters with the sounds of frightened cats, howling wolves and eerie organ music. During the evening we opened the door to three youngsters dressed as monsters -- a very small child flanked by two slightly older ones. Referring to the little one in the middle, one older boy shyly asked, "Would you mind turning off your record player? It's scaring Dracula." *(John H. Socolofsky, in Reader's Digest)***

**A young Lutheran lad told his mother he was dressing as the Pope for Halloween. His mother explained that the Pope was not a Lutheran and suggested that he dress up as something else. He thought about it, then asked his mom if it was okay for him to be vampire, “Are vampires Lutheran?” *(Rev. Joel Pinnt, in The Lutheran Witness)***

**A grandmother pretends she doesn’t know who you are on Halloween. *(Erma Bombeck)***

**After returning from trick-or-treating the little girl thinks to herself: “A penny. A tic tac. A life-saver. A stick of gum. Boy, trick-or-treating during a recession is a real drag.” *(Steve Breen, in Grand Avenue comic strip)***

**Mom: “Before we go pumpkin picking, I want to go over a few rules! Stay close to me. Don’t roll, toss or drop any pumpkin or gourd. Don’t get lost in the straw maze. Last time we had crying all the way home!” Kids: “Okay!” Mom: “I wasn’t talking about you two!” Dad: “Look! A hay ride!” *(Pat Brady & Don Wimmer, in Rose Is Rose comic strip)***

**Dolly says to Santa Claus: “We wanted to trick-or-treat at your house, but we can't go off our block.” *(Bil Keane, in The Family Circus comic strip)***

**Heart: “Well, this is it, Dean. Our last week of school!” Dean: “Finally!” Heart: “Before you know it we’ll be tearing around on our scooters, downing ice pops by the ton, and looking for pennies and cool rocks at the bottom of the pool!” Dean: “I wonder where Mrs. Horn goes during the summer.” Heart: “Back in her coffin, I bet.” *(Mark Tatulli, in Heart of the City comic strip)***

**Father: “What are you doing?” Son: “Trying to decide what states I’m going to hit trick-or-treating tomorrow.” Father: “You said ‘states.’ I assume you meant ‘streets.’” Son: “Now then, I should probably go east to west to take advantage of the time zones.” *(Bill Amend, in Foxtrot comic strip)***

**Grandma: “Don’t feel bad that you were unable to buy Halloween costumes. When I was little we didn’t have store-bought costumes, we made our own. And we weren’t driven around while trick-or-treating, we walked and we got penny candy, not these new, giant candy bars.” Little girl: “So why do you always call them ‘the good old days’?” *(Steve Breen, in Grand Avenue comic strip)***

 **Grandpa: “I hate to be the one to break this to you, Nelson. But your superman costume does not enable you to fly. Nor does it give you super strength, x-ray vision, or protection from Grandpa’s tickling!” *(Brian Crane, in Pickles comic strip)***

**One Halloween, when my grandson Christopher was 3 years old, his older brother Matthew dashed into the room in his Power Rangers costume. “Run for your lives!” Christopher screamed. I leaned over and quietly told him that Grandma was too old to run anymore. He thought for a moment, smiled and yelled, “Walk for your lives!” *(Joyce Hambacher, in Country magazine)***

**Our son, making his first Halloween visit and wanting no part of tricks, sang out, “Treat . . . or treat!” *(Diana Sundberg, in Country Woman magazine)***

**I was so ugly as a kid we never had a jack-*‘*o-lantern. They just stuck me in the window. *(Rodney Dangerfield)***

 **Father: “Gosh! I could've sworn I just heard a creepy voice calling my name! And now I hear chains and heavy footsteps!” Son: “Boo!” Father: “Oh, it's just a ghost! I was afraid my mother-in-law was here!” *(Kevin Fagan, in Drabble comic strip)***

**Heart: “Halloween was a total washout! I spent all this time making a great costume, and I had to cover the thing up with a stupid coat because of a rainstorm!” Friend: “Who cares, Heart! You still got what you wanted, right?” Heart: “True, in the end, it’s all about the Snickers. But next year, I’m just cutting two holes in a sheet.” *(Mark Tatulli, in Heart of the City comic strip)***

**Heart: “Halloween is a weird holiday, don’t you think? Dressing up in costumes and begging for candy. Strange.” Mom: “Frankly I don’t see how it’s any different from our normal day.” Heart: “I don’t beg for candy! I just take it when you’re not looking.” *(Mark Tatulli, in Heart of the City comic strip)***

**With a sign that says “Pick your own punpkin,” one animal says to the other: “That’s a zucchini!” The other animal says back: “I went for the third party candidate.” *(Patrick McDonnell, in Mutts comic strip)***

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