

## Witchalena's Seven Days of Halloween

**Advance Preparation:** Make a "Happily Haunted House" from cardboard boxes with seven windows, doors, or other compartments. Put spooky scenes behind each window and door. Make your house more elaborate or simple as your time and imagination allow. A simple version could just be a piece of poster paper cut with a roof shape and windows and doors that open and are glued on.

Remember that you need 7 compartments. These seven compartments will be opened one at a time for seven days before Halloween. A clue will be found behind each compartment with special instructions. Family members must follow the instructions on each clue carefully. Roll your clues into a scroll and secure into place with tape.

**To Introduce This Activity:** Seven days before Halloween, call the family together and bring out your "Happily Haunted House" and introduce it with the following:

*Witchalena has whipped up a special brew  
Of seven Halloween treats especially for you...  
Yes? For seven spooky days before Hallow's Eve  
Witchalena has a special "trick or treat" up her sleeve!  
She's put a number on each window and door...  
Peek in one each day for fun galore!!*

### First Day of Halloween

#### **Clue 1: (attached to Haunted House)**

*"A wise old owl has a message true...  
You'll find him in the refrigerator waiting for you."*

#### **Clue 2: ( in shape of owl, hidden in fridge)**

*"A Wise Man Obeys God." Go to the Book of Mormon and read: Alma 37:35-37 and then you will find the next clue you will need...*

--Family goes to the Book of Mormon, reads scriptures and finds the 3<sup>rd</sup> clue in an envelope which has been placed in the Book of Mormon.

#### **Clue 3:**

*"Now, look in the bookcase, and you will find, a special treat of the sweetest kind."*

#### **Suggested treat for this day: Hoot Owl Cookies**

When the family goes to the bookcase and finds the plate of owl cookies, they also find this message written on a paper owl:

*Remember this wise old owl's message to you...See that you heed it your whole life through—a wise man obeys God!"*

## Second Day of Halloween

### **Clue 1: (Put a straight pin on this clue and attach to Haunted House)**

*"Witchalena wants you to start her 2<sup>nd</sup> day of Halloween off with a bang! The next clue in Mom's closet she did hang... but wait! If it's a ghostly message you want to win? You better take along this little pin!"*

--Family goes to mom's closet and finds a blown-up balloon with a sheet over it to look like a ghost. The message is placed inside the balloon before you blow it up. Someone pops the balloon and reads clue 2.

### **Clue 2:**

*To pop me was as easy as 1, 2, 3  
I was "puffed up" with a lot of air you see  
People can be puffed up with pride and vanity  
The scriptures tell us these things should not be.*

*Go now to the Book of Mormon and read:  
2 Nephi 28:12-13  
In the envelope you'll find another clue waiting for you.*

These ghostly things, Witchalena hopes you'll shun----  
Now quickly to the cupboard for some taste-bud ticklers fun.

**Suggested treats: ghost suckers like these** <http://so-festive.com/2011/10/07/ghost-treats/>

## Third Day of Halloween

### **Clue 1: (Attached to Haunted House)**

*In Witchalena's brewing pot something is steaming piping hot.  
But first, a special message from the sacred book  
In Moroni 7:46-47 you must look.  
Read carefully.  
Now in the envelope the 2<sup>nd</sup> clue marks the spot.*

--Go to the Book of Mormon and find clue 2:

### **Clue 2:**

*If you want your 4<sup>th</sup> day of Halloween to be just right, you must memorize this scripture by tomorrow night! It is found in John 13:34-35.*

*Now, look in the pot on the stove for Witchalena's favorite brew----She fixed it especially for you!*

--Family goes to the stove and finds a delicious dessert for their treat.

**Suggested treat: Hot Chocolate or Apple Cider**

## **Fourth Day of Halloween**

**Clue 1:** (Attached to Haunted House)

*On this the fourth day of Halloween, Witchalena really lost her head!  
You'll find her special treat right under your bed.  
But wait, you can't have one bite of this special treat  
Until last night's scripture you can each repeat!*

**Suggested treat:** Witchalena or spider cupcakes.

--Place the treat under each bed but insist they repeat the scripture before they eat.

## **Fifth Day of Halloween**

**Clue 1:**

*I'll bet you're just dying to see what Witchalena has brewed up for you tonight.  
Hurry to the television and you'll find the first clue.*

--Family goes to the tv and finds clue 2:

*Out in the garage where she stores her spiders and mice she uses with her chants  
You'll find another clue hidden in a pair of dad's old pants.*

--A trip to the garage, the family finds a clue in the pocket of Dad's old pants which is hanging somewhere in the garage. This is clue 3:

*Now, go to your Book of Mormon and read carefully: 3<sup>rd</sup> Nephi 11:29-30. The 4th clue is waiting there for you.*

After reading Nephi, they find the envelope with the 4th clue:

*Dracula lost his four front teeth  
Which was his name and fame  
Let me tell you how it happened.  
It's really quite a shame.  
Dracula went a walking  
One dark and dreary night.  
His stomach was a growling,  
He hadn't had one bite!  
Poor Dracula lost his temper,  
And though it's sad to tell,  
He not only lost his temper  
But his four front teeth as well.*

*There's a moral to this silly tale  
I will try to cite...  
Carefully guard your temper.,  
Don't chew off more than you can bite!*

*Now look under the couch and there you'll find your treat.*

**Suggested treat:** A box wrapped up containing stuff to make Apple Mouths.  
(<http://www.pinterest.com/pin/232568768230734181/>) On the top of the box place another envelope with this message:

*Next time you're tempted to contend with friends or kin...Think of poor Dracula and what happened to him.*

The box is unwrapped and the family puts together the mouths. Another clue in the bottom of the box says:

*There's just one last clue for today,  
So run to your pillow case and don't delay!*

--In each member's pillow case, place a special invitation for the 6<sup>th</sup> day of Halloween which will be an activity. This will be a special Halloween dinner.

#### **Invitation:**

*Tomorrow night you're invited  
To the Haunted House to dine  
So, don't be late. Be right on time.*

*Witchalena's planning a special family night,  
She's using magic spells to make things just right!*

*Right now, she's brewing her special brew....  
She's doing it all especially for you.*

*See you tomorrow night at 6 on the Sixth Day of Halloween.*

#### **Sixth Day of Halloween**

Make advance preparation for your special dinner. Prepare a nice menu. Suggestions: goblin stew, bat bread, witches brew to drink, and for dessert spider cupcakes and ice cream. Set the table in a festive way using a Halloween theme.

After dinner, the family goes to the living room for the rest of the party. They get to meet Witchalena.

Prepare ahead of time a little Witchalena to introduce to the family. She can be made quite simply from an empty paper sack with a Styrofoam ball for the head. Dress her like a witch, but give her a happy face and don't forget to make her little magic broom. Tie a scroll on the broom with her magic formula. A

magic broom could be made for each member with magic formula. Sit Witchalena in front of the family on her magic broom and say:

*Witchalena is her name  
Fun and happiness is her game.  
She's not like the witches you've read in books  
With mean dispositions and terrible looks.  
She's happy and cheerful from morn 'till night  
And radiates the gospel's glorious light.*

*We choose to be good or bad you see...  
So which "witch" would you rather be?*

*Now is the moment we have all been waiting for.  
Witchalena is going to share with us the secret of her magic broom.  
Imagine what you could do with a magic broom like hers.  
Listen carefully to the secret formula!*

--A family member removes the scroll from the broom and reads:

*Dear Family:  
Though tis sad to tell  
Nothing was ever wrote  
By a chant or a magic spell.  
Love is the secret formula of Wichalena's magic broom!*

Proceed with a simple lesson on love and kindness.

**Seventh Day of Halloween** (last clue on house, pulled off on Halloween)

**Clue 1:**

*Witchalena had great fun  
Planning tricks and treats for everyone.  
Would you like to know how you can repay  
Witchalena in a very special way?  
Just take 15 minutes at the end of the day...  
And read with your family what the scriptures say.*

*If you do, you'll make someone else happy too.  
Our Heavenly Father, and he'll be so proud of you.*

*Now on this "trick or treat" night, remember  
The best trick of all is to live the gospel every day!*

Note: Your family has read the scriptures each day for a week, so why not continue this good habit? This is the main purpose of this fun activity.