

# WEEK 1: PUMPKIN CARVING

**INTRO:** What do carving a pumpkin and being BOLD for Jesus have in common? Both require following a plan!

**BOTTOM LINE:** WE CAN BE **BOLD** IN FOLLOWING GOD'S PLANS.

## STEP 1 - WHAT TO CREATE

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**ACTIVITY:** Choose a design to carve into your pumpkin. For some fresh ideas, you can refer to the "BOLD" Face Pumpkin Carving Ideas included in your pack.

**DISCUSSION:** What would it look like for your family to live a more BOLD life for Jesus? Would you have to make slight changes or create something completely new? Could it be serving with The James Project or Inner City Mission? What about reading books to residents of a nursing home? The great thing about this step is that YOU get to decide what is best for YOUR family.

## STEP 2 - SCOOP OUT THE GOOP

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**ACTIVITY:** Cut open the top of your pumpkin and then use your new Goop Scooper to clear out what's in the way of the best part of the pumpkin.

**DISCUSSION:** What are some things that stand in the way of you living more BOLDLY for Jesus? It is so easy to think of a list of reasons why NOT to give up more time, resources, and energy. Your lives are busy and it's important to spend what you have wisely. Is there anything on your schedule that perhaps is not quite as important as being BOLD for Jesus and His Kingdom? Could the "goop" for you be your comfort zone, too much Screen Time, or a tendency to act out of selfishness instead of love?

## STEP 3 - CARVING

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**ACTIVITY:** Time to carve out the design you chose!

**DISCUSSION:** Similar to clearing out whatever "goop" is in your way, you also have to continuously make the decision to carve out time. Have each person in your family come up with 1 way they can carve out time to live a more BOLD life for Jesus.

- Is your calendar, scheduled or not, filled with things that only serve you or have you carved out time to bless and serve others as well?
- Instead of having Screen Time, kids could play a board game with their siblings, strengthening their bond with each other.
- Holding the door open for someone else doesn't take much time, but it does honor the other person and practices humility.

## STEP 4 - SHINE THE LIGHT

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**ACTIVITY:** Grab the LED tea light from your pack, switch it on, set it inside your pumpkin, and close the lid. Your pumpkin carving is done and looking great!

**DISCUSSION:** How does it feel when you are in a place with absolutely no light in it? If it is completely dark, but you turn the light on inside the pumpkin, what happens? It glows light from the inside! Everyone's eyes are drawn to that little bit of light when everything else seems so dark.

**Read John 1:4-5** - *"The Word (Jesus) gave life to everything that was created, and His life brought light to everyone. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it." Jesus' light is inside everyone who believes and follows Him. When you live a BOLD life like Jesus did, you are shining that light for everyone around you to see Him.*

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