



Pass the Pumpkin



Games of luck always add instant fun and Pass the Pumpkin is not exception. Children will love waiting to see if the pumpkin will land in their lap on "boo" causing them to stay focused and engaged.

WHAT THEY LEARN

Passing, taking turns, steady beat, patience, vocabulary, singing with others

WHAT YOU NEED

- Pretend or real pumpkin
- Stickers (optional)
- Recording (teacher practice only)

WHAT TO DO

- With children sitting in a circle, begin by showing the children the pumpkin and asking if they know what it is. Be prepared for stories about pumpkin patches, carving pumpkins and the like.
- After hearing a few stories, naturally move into explaining how the game is played.
- Game Rules: Children pass the pumpkin around the circle and whoever is holding the pumpkin on the word "boo" gets a sticker.
- Play the game 4-5 more times being aware not to make it too long and lose children's interest.
- When game is complete, if stickers have been given to just a few children, go around the circle making sure every child leaves with a sticker.

EXTENSION: Use this activity has a way to dismiss the class. Whoever has the pumpkin on "boo" is the next child to line up at the door, go wash hands etc.

Note: If you have chosen to award a prize, stickers or stamps work well. It also helps you to know who the pumpkin has stopped on. The game could just as easily be played without any sort of token given. The choice is yours!

LYRICS

Pass the pumpkin all around.
Listen to the spooky sound.
Ooo, oo, ooo, oo, will it stop on you?
Boo!

