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**Discussion:**

As you get started, tell your kids that just like they chose the specific pumpkin they have, we have also been chosen by God to be His sons and daughters (Eph. 1:4-5). As you cut the pumpkin open and pull the "yucky" pulp out, tell how this is a picture of how God takes us and cleanses us from all our sin - casting them as far as the east is from the west (1 John 1:9, Psalm 103:12). As you carve the eyes, nose, and SMILING face, tell them that this represents how God makes us a new creation when we choose to trust in Jesus as our savior (2 Cor 5:17). Then as you put the light into the pumpkin, remind them that Jesus comes into our lives as a light and can shine through us into a dark world (Matthew 5:16). Pray together for these truths to take root in their hearts and enjoy your creations!

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