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*Hope and a future for all children*

# PUMPKIN HEROES

**NEW!**

***STORYBOOK, FILM,  
ACTIVITIES, CRAFTS, GAMES AND  
PATCH THE PUMPKIN SHOW!***

Dear Friends,

Every year, we have the absolute joy of bringing Pumpkin Heroes to church groups, schools and families like yours across the UK.

So, we're delighted it's back, and once again Patch and his friends are ready to help children aged 4-10 have fun being **SENSE-ational** this Halloween.

*"My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me"* John 10:27  
International Children's Bible

Like before, we're encouraging you to do Pumpkin Heroes your way!

Whether you run an action-packed Pumpkin Heroes event/party or the children watch the *Patch the Pumpkin Show* – all include fun-filled games, crafts, activities, and of course, the new story and film *Patch the Pumpkin, Being Sensational!*

And no matter how you choose to enjoy Pumpkin Heroes, we'll be praying the children have a great time.



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At World Vision, our focus is on helping the world's most vulnerable children overcome poverty and experience fullness of life. For over 70 years, we have worked together with communities – of all faiths and none – even in the most dangerous places, inspired by our Christian faith.

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# LET'S GET STARTED

## READY

How, when and what you do for Pumpkin Heroes – is up to you.

On Halloween, 31 October or during autumn half term, the choice is yours!

## STEADY

You might want to plan an event/party where you watch or read Patch the Pumpkin, Being Sensational! play the games, and do all the activities.

Whatever you do, make it inclusive for all children and have fun!

## GO

Or maybe the children would simply prefer to watch the Patch the Pumpkin Show which includes crafts, games and the new story. Patch the Pumpkin, Being Sensational! (see page 9).



# THE BE SENSATIONAL CHALLENGE!



In this year's story, Patch the Pumpkin and his friends learn that listening to others means a lot more than hearing what they're saying.

And Patch is challenging your children to do the same!

Encourage your children to get involved with the Be Sensational! Challenge. And fundraise to help vulnerable children who inspire the stories in Pumpkin Heroes.

Being Sensational for Patch, our little orange pumpkin was trickier than he thought. How well can your children listen, hear and help others?

Challenge them to spend autumn half-term or another time doing as many activities as possible. You can use the ideas opposite or come up with your own, finding daily challenges for the children. And perhaps these can become life-long for the children too.

## What to do:

Simply copy and share these pages, so that each child has a Be Sensational Challenge sheet. You can choose how and when each child receives their Being Sensational Challenge award!

Fundraise through Just Giving or donate at [pumpkinheroes.com](http://pumpkinheroes.com)

## Chosen - Sensational for your kids

Patch learns that listening to others means a lot more than hearing what they're saying! Because when people are seen and heard change can happen. Will your church, group, school or family give a child an opportunity to change their future?

**SCAN ME TO CHANGE  
THEIR FUTURE**



## THE BE SENSATIONAL CHALLENGE SHEET

Look out for people who are lonely or may need a friend to play with.



Say thank you to your parents or school lunch person for your tasty food.



Listen to your parents or teacher and do what they ask.



Give someone a hug or hold their hand if they're sad or scared.



Flowers smell nice and make people smile. Give one to someone you care about.



Can you think of any Sensational Challenges you'd like to add?



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For a Sponsor Me form, contact us at: [pumpkinheroes@worldvision.org.uk](mailto:pumpkinheroes@worldvision.org.uk)

## CONGRATULATIONS

.....  
has earned this special award from Patch the Pumpkin for completing the

### BE Sensational Challenge

Well done for using all your senses to help others.

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Signed .....

Patch

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# PUMPKIN FUN, GAMES AND TREATS

## PATCH THE PUMPKIN'S LIGHT

**Before your event carve a pumpkin with Patch the Pumpkin's heart and draw or stick his face on the pumpkin.**

### Telling the story:

- 🍷 In front of the children hold the pumpkin turned around so that the kids see only a plain pumpkin. You could ask them questions about what they see to keep them engaged.
- 🍷 Then show how God cleans up the "yuck" inside us. Leave a handful of pumpkin seeds and fleshy goop inside either for volunteer children or yourself to scoop out and make clean.
- 🍷 Pop a lit LED tea light into the pumpkin and explain how God replaces the "yuck" with His light.
- 🍷 Then turn around the pumpkin for the children to see the light shining out of Patch. And explain this is how God's light shines out of each of us when we know Jesus.

**HINT** Dry pumpkin seeds and add to your bird feeder or sow them next year. And compost or leave your non-painted carved pumpkins away from the house for wild animals to enjoy.



## SENSATIONALLY PIN THE HEART ON PATCH!

- 🍷 Create your own large sensory picture of Patch the Pumpkin. Perhaps use leaves for his stalk, add googly eyes, pipe cleaners for his eyebrows and a pom pom for his nose. Pop it on the wall, roughly at eye level to the children and have smaller paper hearts with blu-tac at the ready
- 🍷 Have the children take it in turns to come up and blindfolded have a go at feeling the picture to work out where they should 'pin' the heart on Patch. Give them a heart and gently spin them around a few times before they try to put it in the right place. When they have placed it, write their name on the heart so you don't forget whose is whose. And make sure you have drawn a little cross in the centre of Patch's heart because whoever gets closest to the cross wins!

## PUMPKIN KRISPIE CAKES

**Your Pumpkin Heroes will enjoy munching on these little treats or giving them away to others.**

Please note: This recipe makes about 12 pumpkins.  
A hob will be needed on site at your event.

### Instructions:

- 🍁 In a large pot, melt the butter over low heat.
- 🍁 Add the marshmallows and stir until completely melted and combined with the butter.
- 🍁 Remove from the heat. Add several drops of yellow food colouring, mix it together, then add red food colouring one drop at a time, mixing as you go. Add red/yellow drops until you reach your desired colour (about 4 drops red and 12 drops yellow). Mix well.
- 🍁 Add the Rice Krispies and stir to combine.
- 🍁 \*Get the children to coat both sides of their hands with a generous amount of cooking oil, and roll the Rice Krispie mixture into small balls.
- 🍁 Then have them set their pumpkins on parchment paper.
- 🍁 While the balls are still warm, encourage them to gently press a chocolate button or Rolo into the top of each pumpkin for the stem and add a green sweet beside it as the leaf. (Tip: If the pumpkins cool before you're finished, use the end of a thick marker or apple corer to make a small indent in the top for the chocolate to sit in.)
- 🍁 Allow to cool until firm.
- 🍁 Place in a treat bag and write their name with a permanent marker on it.
- 🍁 Set aside for the children to take home with them or enjoy whilst listening to/watching *Patch the Pumpkin, Being Sensational!*

**HINT:** You can make your Pumpkin Krispie cakes extra sensory by adding a sprinkle of popping candy into the mixture too!

### What you need:

- 60g of butter
- 1 bag large marshmallows (approximately 40 marshmallows)
- 150g of Rice Krispies
- Red and yellow liquid food colouring
- Milk chocolate buttons or a Rolo
- Mixture of green sweets (i.e. Smarties/Fruit Pastilles/M&M's)
- 3 tbsp of cooking oil in a small bowl (to keep it from sticking to your hands)
- Treat bags
- A permanent marker



# PATCH'S FUN & GAMES

## PATCH'S MYSTERY BOXES

- 🎃 Turn empty tissue containers into mystery boxes!
- 🎃 Perhaps copy and use some of the pictures of Patch looking confused in the storybook (page 5) to cover and decorate the tissue boxes.
- 🎃 Drop an assortment of sensory items into each box, and get the children to reach in and try to guess what they are, using only their sense of touch.



## BOUNCE LIKE PATCH

- 🎃 Have the children bounce around the room while the music is playing. Children can bounce and dance until the music stops.
- 🎃 Once the music stops children are to freeze where they are and not move.
- 🎃 The child who moves first is out of the game.
- 🎃 If all of the children are doing an excellent job of being frozen, the music can start again.
- 🎃 Keep going until you get a winner!

### What you need:

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Sound system and music. You can play the Pumpkin Heroes song "Shine Real Bright"  
See page 11



LEFT: United Reformed Church,  
Desborough, Northants.

## MULTI- SENSORY PICTURES

**For this activity you'll need:**

- 🍎 Coloured paper – dark colours are often better. Glue (in tubes or glue pens), the kind you can write and draw with are best. And a whole selection of sensory items. You can use pasta, lentils, rice, glitter, cereals, sweets, foil, sequins beads, the list is endless.
- 🍎 Now you have everything you need to create a multi-sensory picture.
- 🍎 Maybe have an example of a picture you made yourself to inspire the children – who can create their own or perhaps make one big group picture.
- 🍎 When it's dried the children will have created a picture they can see, feel and even smell!



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## PATCH THE PUMPKIN TV SHOW

Instead of an event or party for the children in your church group, school or family, you might prefer to keep it simple – but have just as much fun!



Together watch Patch the Pumpkin's Show! Action-packed with games, crafts, activities and cartoon story fun too.

**WATCH IT  
ONLINE:**

[worldvision.org.uk/  
pumpkin-heroes-pack](http://worldvision.org.uk/pumpkin-heroes-pack)



## CHILDREN'S PRAYER

Dear God,  
Thank you for listening to me whenever I pray.  
I know you speak in lots of ways,  
Through people and the amazing world you  
created.  
Help me listen to others and spend time listening to  
You too.

**Amen**

**BELOW:** Patricia and her sponsored son, Noe (centre), pray during the Sunday worship at a Catholic Church, Honduras.  
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**RIGHT:** Children praying in a World Vision programme in Kenya. ©2022 Nathaniel Abadji/World Vision



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# SHINE REAL BRIGHT

## CHORUS 1:

**D D/F# A/F#**

Share God's love

**G G/A A7**

Shine God's light

**D D/F# A/F#**

We're Pumpkin Heroes

**G/A D**

And we'll shine real bright (repeat)

## CHORUS 2:

**D D/F# A/F#**

We're gonna shine

**G G/A A7 D D/F# A/F#**

We're gonna shine

**G/A D**

Shine real bright (repeat)

## VERSE 1:

**Bm E7**

Everybody in the world

**G2 D/F#**

Needs God's love, God's love

**Bm E7**

Every sad and lonely child

**G2**

Needs God's love,

**D D/F# A/F# G G/A A7**

Let us shine!

## VERSE 2:

**Bm E7**

Everybody who's afraid

**G2 D/F#**

Needs God's light, God's light

**Bm E7**

Every dark and scary place

**G2**

Needs God's light

**D D/F# A/F# G G/A A7**

Let us shine!

## NOTE:

- Chorus one and chorus two can be sung over the top of each other forming a bit of harmony.
- Both parts are really simple – so give it a go!

Why not make up your own actions for the song?

You can share videos of your song performances with us @WorldVisionUK and #pumpkinheroes

And if you want to sing-along with the Shine Real Bright song – find it online at [worldvision.org.uk/pumpkin-heroes-pack](http://worldvision.org.uk/pumpkin-heroes-pack)



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