

Fun with Stingy Jack O'Lantern

Do you know the story of Stingy Jack and why we carve pumpkins for Halloween?!

READ

Read the story of Stingy Jack and the Jack O'Lantern

CRAFT

Make your own Jack O'Lantern Mask and Devil Mask by cutting out the templates. You can choose to paint them yourself with water colours or use the already coloured version!

And don't forget to make your very own coin and apple, too!

PLAY the STORY

Re-inact the story with the help of your newly made masks and props (e.g. coin & apple).

WRITE a POEM

Use the creative writing prompt sheet to write your own poem about Stingy Jack!

DOODLE Stingy Jack

Use the creative writing prompt sheet to doodle away and create your own spooky Stingy Jack version.

Or how about a spooky Halloween letter to Grandma or Grandpa?



Happy Halloween!



The story of the Jack O'Lantern has its history in Ireland, dating back to the 1500s.

The original Jack O'Lanterns were carved from turnips and potatoes and not Pumpkins.

Jack O'Lantern was referred to a mysterious light that was often seen glowing over marshes and bogs. These lights were caused by gases from decomposing plants, that would sometimes ignite naturally as they oxidized. The light was explained with the varying stories of Stingy Jack and his pact with the Devil.

The Story of Stingy Jack

Stingy Jack was a cunning man who loved to deceive and play tricks on people. The devil heard about his cunning, and curious, the devil went to seek out Stingy Jack. Together, they went for a few drinks.

Stingy Jack, true to his reputation, didn't want to pay for his drinks and managed to persuade the devil to turn into a coin to pay for them. He said, we would then go with the devil to hell.

The devil turned himself into a coin. Stingy Jack snapped up the coin and put it in his pocket with a crucifix – the presence of which, prevented the devil from changing back.

Stingy Jack then told the devil, he would only release him, on if the devil agreed to leave him for another 10yrs.

10yrs passed and the devil return to claim Sting Jack's soul. This time, Stingy Jack persuaded (the somewhat gullible) devil to climb up a tree and throw him an apple as "one last meal" before descending to hell. Stingy Jack, quickly placed a crucifix at the base of the tree and again, the devil was caught out.

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Part II

This time Stingy Jack persuaded the devil to promise never to take his soul to hell.

The year's past and eventually Stingy Jack died. He made his way up to heaven. But at the gates of St Peter denied him access. Stingy Jack had not been a good person in life. St Peter sent Stingy Jack down to hell.

Upon arrival, the devil, having made a promise, grinned and told Stingy Jack that he wasn't welcomed there either. He gave Jack a single burning coal and sent him on his way – damned for eternity to neither hell nor heaven.

It is said that Stingy Jack, placed the coal into a lantern that he carved out of a turnip and used this lantern to light his way eternally.

Sting Jack became known as Jack of the Lantern, which later became Jack O'Lantern.

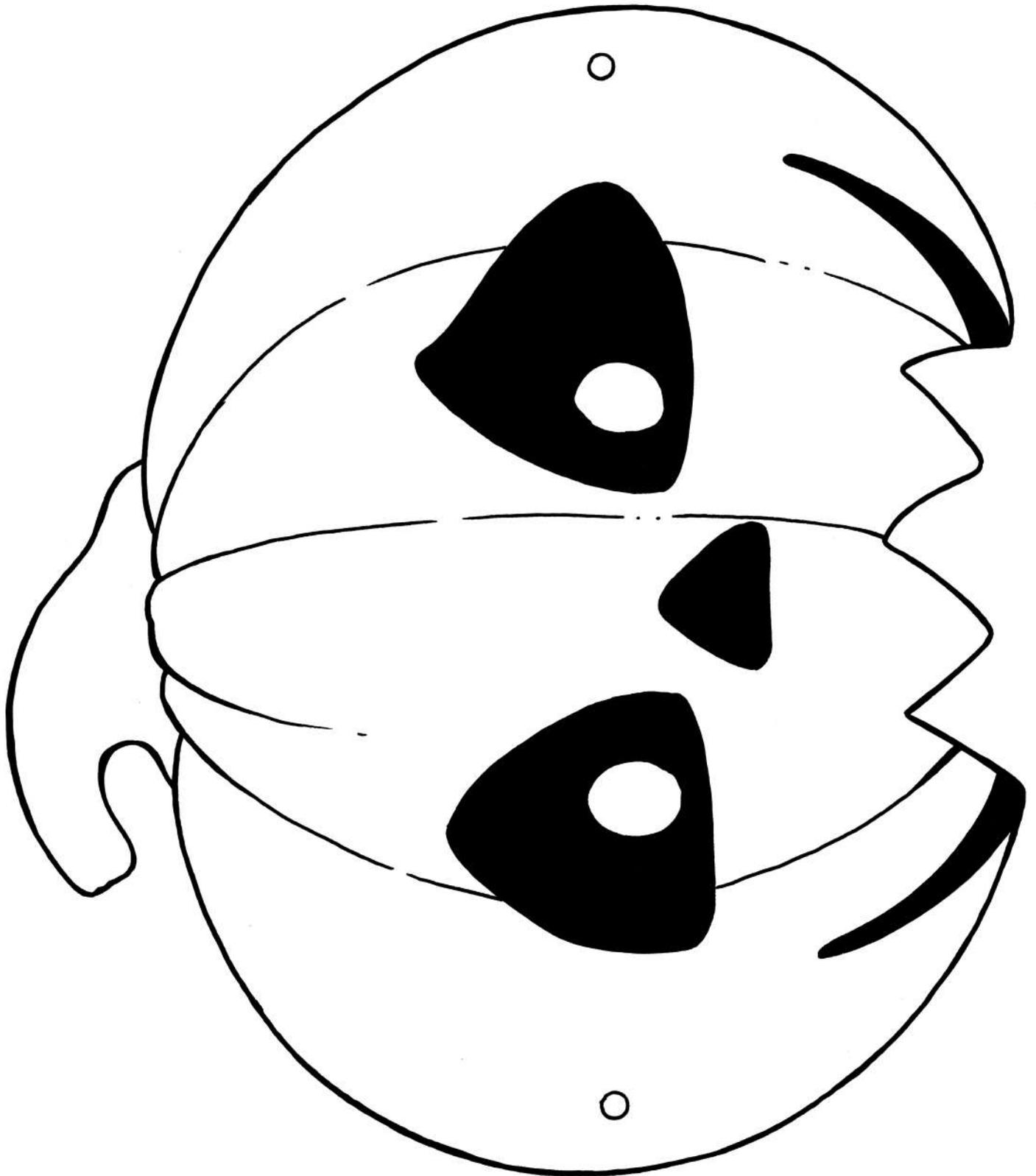
Modern Day Jack O'Lanterns

The Irish brought the tradition of carving turnip lanterns to America. Once in America, they discovered pumpkins and saw that they were easier to carve.

So the turnip lanterns became pumpkin lanterns instead.

Happy Halloween!

Jack O'Lantern Mask

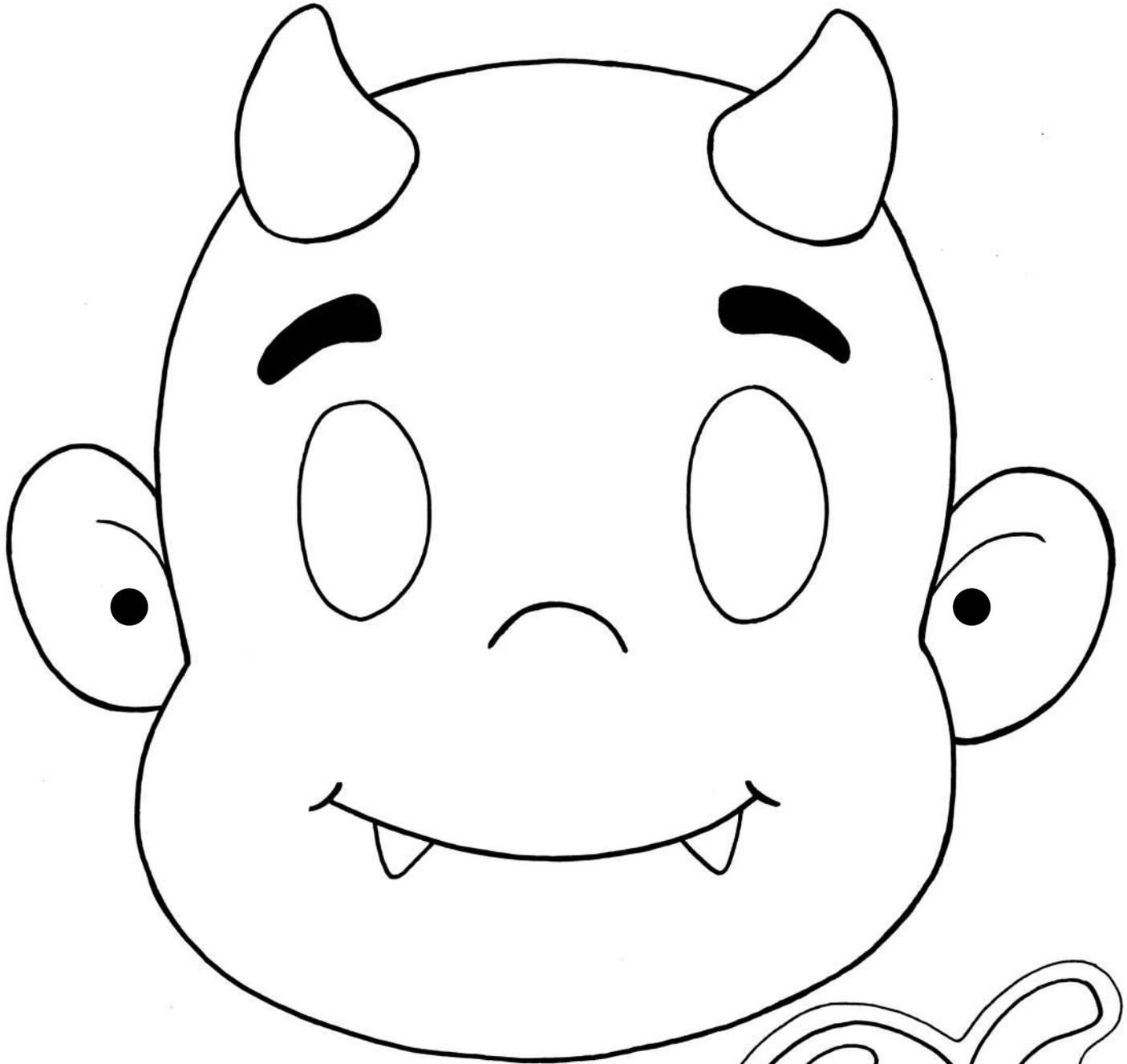


Jack O'Lantern Mask

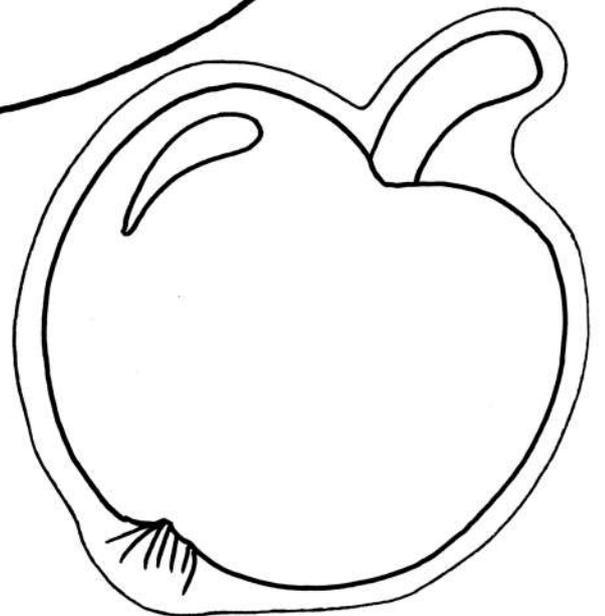


1. Cut out mask. Ask for help from your caretaker to cut out holes for eyes and elastic band.
2. Add elastic band by putting a knot on one end, pulling it through the mask holes and adding another knot on other end to keep band in place.

Jack O'Lantern: Devil's Mask



1. Color in the mask, coin and apple.
2. Cut out mask. Ask for help from your caretaker to cut out holes for eyes and elastic band.
3. Add elastic band by putting a knot on one end, pulling it through the mask holes and adding another knot on other end to keep band in place.

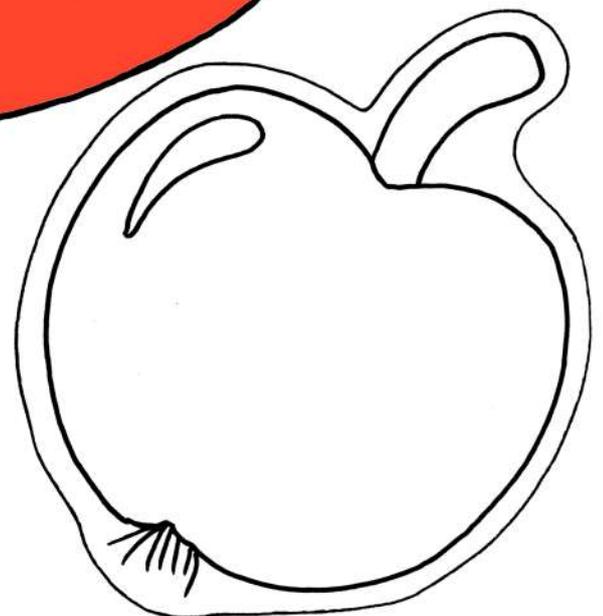


4. Cut out rectangle, fold & glue squares together. Cut out coin.

Devil's Mask, Coin & Apple



1. Color in coin and apple.
2. Cut out mask. Ask for help from your caretaker to cut out holes for eyes and elastic band.
3. Add elastic band by putting a knot on one end, pulling it through the mask holes and adding another knot on other end to keep band in place.



4. Cut out rectangle, fold & glue squares together. Cut out coin.



