

A script from



## “To Trick or Treat”

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- What** A mom sends her kid off to trick or treat and wonders if, in her own life, is she genuinely working to imitate Christ or is she tricking everyone into thinking she is? **Themes:** Halloween, Genuine, Christ-like, Integrity
- Who** Lady  
Kid
- When** Present
- Wear  
(Props)** Lady is dressed casually  
Kid is in a costume
- Why** 1 Corinthians 11:1
- How** Keep the dialogue conversational. Since the kid has no lines, it's also possible to imply that there is a kid and deliver lines said to him/her offstage.
- Time** Approximately 2-4 minutes

*Lady enters with her Kid dressed up. She straightens his costume and sends him on his way, exiting the stage.*

**Lady:** Franklin, remember to not walk in the road. *(Beat)* And say "thank you!"

*(To audience)* Ahh yes. Halloween. Such a magical time for kids...and for adults, too...as we get to usher them through highs of getting full-sized Reese's Cup in their bag and the crushing lows of getting toothbrushes or black licorice.

Depending on who you talk to, Halloween is either about candy, about costumes or about the pagan devil-worshippers.

But just recently, I had an epiphany. I started to think about Halloween in a different way.

What do we teach our kids to say when they go door-to-door? Trick or treat, right? Basically, they're asking "are you going to treat me or are you going to trick me?"

And this is a totally reasonable question to ask when dressed up like a Transformer.

But honestly, it's a totally reasonable question to ask when it isn't Halloween.

*(To her kid, offstage)* Franklin. What did we talk about? Look both ways. No, shaking your head quickly in both directions doesn't count.

*(To audience)* We have dozens of interactions a day. Hundreds a week. Thousands a month. And in each one of those interactions, are we treating people or are we tricking them?

More specifically, are we conveying the love of God? Are we loving those people like we love ourselves?

In Corinthians, Paul wrote, "Imitate me as I imitate Christ," and I love thinking about the challenge He must have felt with that. Because imitating Christ, that's hard. Because Christ is so Christ-like and I'm...let's just say I'm not.

*(To her kid offstage)* Franklin, eat the candy later. Gather now, eat later.

*(To audience)* What is it with this generation?

Sometimes, it feels like if I can trick everyone else into thinking I'm Christ-like, then I can trick God too. But God knows who I really am no matter what disguise I put on. And honestly, I think as much as I may try to trick others into thinking I've got it all figured out, they can probably see through me too.

This year, my Halloween epiphany is no more tricks. For me. For others. For God. From now on, I want to be a treat for others in how I love them and how I convey God through my actions.

*(To off-stage)* Franklin, it's not really Buzz Lightyear. We've been over this.

*(To audience)* Sorry, I really need to go. He's easily upset by astronauts. Happy Halloween. And trick or treat!

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