

Five Little Pumpkins in a Box

Turn the “Five Little Pumpkins” rhyme into a fun, interactive story box.



One of A Shared Vision’s teachers adapted the “Five Little Pumpkins” rhyme into a fun story box to encourage her student to touch and count the pumpkins and make choices about which ones will go in the hole in the box’s lid. Here’s how she made the box.

Materials:

- Five, small fabric pumpkins from the crafts store
- A cardboard shoebox
- Five self-adhesive, 7/8-inch Velcro squares
- White rick rack trim
- Craft glue
- Scissors

Directions:

- If your shoebox doesn't have a dark lid, glue black cardstock or construction paper over the lid to create more contrast for the pumpkins.
- Cut out a hole big enough for the pumpkins to fit through the hole in the center of the lid.
- Glue a rick rack "fence" around three sides of the hole.
- Stick the Velcro squares around the fence and on the bottom of each pumpkin.
- Attach the pumpkins to the box.

As you and your child start saying the rhyme, count the number of pumpkins out loud. Pick a pumpkin (maybe the one who saw a witch!) and put it in the hole. When you say "Ooooo! Went the wind," pick all the pumpkins and put them in the hole or roll the box when the pumpkins roll out of sight. You can also play with the box without saying the rhyme.

**Five little pumpkins sitting on the gate.
The first one said, "Oh, my, it's getting late."
The second one said, "There are witches in the air."
The third one said, "But I don't care."
The fourth one said, "Let's run and run and run."
The fifth one said, "I'm ready for some fun."
Ooooo! Went the wind, and out went the light.
And the five little pumpkins rolled out of sight!**

