



### **STORY: PULLING THE PUMPKIN**

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Witchy planted a pumpkin. It grew and grew and grew until it was GIGANTIC. It was ready to pull out of the patch. Witchy grabbed the pumpkin and she began to pull.

She pulled and she pulled with a twist and a shout  
But the pumpkin, pumpkin wouldn't come out

The pumpkin was stuck! Along came Frankenstein, who offered to help. Frankie grabbed Witchy. Witchy grabbed the pumpkin and they began to pull.

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But the pumpkin, pumpkin wouldn't come out

The pumpkin was still stuck. Along came Vampire, who offered to help. Vampy grabbed Frankie, Frankie grabbed Witchy, Witchy grabbed the pumpkin and they began to pull.

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But the pumpkin, pumpkin wouldn't come out

The pumpkin was still stuck. Along came Skeleton, who offered to help. Skelly grabbed Vampy, Vampy grabbed Frankie, Frankie grabbed Witchy, Witchy grabbed the pumpkin and they began to pull.

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But the pumpkin, pumpkin wouldn't come out

The pumpkin was still stuck! Along came Mummy, who offered to help. Mummy grabbed Skelly, Skelly grabbed Vampy, Vampy grabbed Frankie, Frankie grabbed Witchy, Witchy grabbed the pumpkin and they began to pull.

They pulled and they pulled with a twist and a shout  
But the pumpkin, pumpkin wouldn't come out

The pumpkin was still stuck! By this time, everyone was so tired that they wanted to give up. Along came Kitty, who offered to help. Witchy said, "You're too small. You can't help at all."

Kitty replied, "Let me show you what I'm about. With my help, we'll pull the pumpkin out."

So Witchy agreed. Kitty grabbed Mummy, Mummy grabbed Skelly, Skelly grabbed Vampy, Vampy grabbed Frankie, Frankie grabbed Witchy, Witchy grabbed the pumpkin and they began to pull.

They pulled and they pulled with a twist and a shout  
And the pumpkin, pumpkin – it came... out!

Everyone cheered! With all the pumpkin Witchy had, she made a GIGANTIC pumpkin pie. Vampire took the biggest bite. Frankenstein cut his slice into pieces. Skeleton made his platter clatter. Mummy asked Witchy to wrap up his piece to go. But Kitty was such a gigantic help, she received the biggest piece. Kitty was, after all, the cat's meow!

And when everyone was done eating, guess what they did with the shell of that pumpkin? That's right! They all helped carve it into a grinning... JACK-O-LANTERN!

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And the pumpkin, pumpkin – it came out!

