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### **The Issue of Halloween**

Dear Parents,

The Halloween season is rapidly approaching, and once again the issue of Halloween and the Christian is upon us. For many of us there is no issue. We have come to realize that Halloween involves much more than free candy and costumes bought at the store.

Halloween and many of the practices associated with it are believed to have originated among the ancient Druids “who believed that on that evening, Saman, the lord of the dead, called forth hosts of evil spirits.” The Druids were well versed in astrology and other occultic arts, practices which are clearly non-Christian. The Romans tried to “Romanize” this holiday when they conquered Britain by blending it with the Roman harvest festival. As a result, many Halloween customs concerning food such as dunking for apples and the carving of jack-o-lanterns began. Finally, the world has had its try at cleansing Halloween by making a game of it. Unfortunately, making light of Satan and his works does not lessen their danger.

Much of the information stated here can be found in any online encyclopedia. It is plain to see that Halloween today is still a time when the occult is glorified intentionally by some and playfully by others. As Christians, we are children of the light. The Scriptures command us to have nothing to do with the things of darkness. See Ephesians 5:7-16.

Another factor to consider is the danger associated with Trick or Treating. Stories of candy being laden with poison and pins are common fare during this time. We at the Academy encourage you to find an equally fun alternative to Halloween for your children. Many churches provide parties where the children have opportunity to have fun without all the physical and spiritual dangers associated with Halloween. God has not given us a spirit of fear. Let’s follow God’s good example with our own children.

Sincerely,

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