

The Origin of Halloween

Hey there, little buddy! Do you know where Halloween comes from? Let me tell you a fun story!

Many, many years ago, a long time before there were trick-or-treaters, there were people called the Celts. They lived in places like Ireland and Scotland. They had a special festival called **Samhain** (that's pronounced 'sow-in'). Samhain was a day when the Celts believed that the spirits of their loved ones who had passed away could come back to visit.

During this time, the days were getting colder and darker because winter was coming. The Celts thought that ghosts might also wander around, looking for a cozy place to stay, or even to play tricks on the living! So, to keep the spirits happy and to scare away any naughty ghosts, they would light big bonfires and wear costumes.

The costumes could be made of animal skins or other spooky things to make them look scary. People would pretend to be different creatures like witches, ghosts, or goblins!

As time went on and the years passed by, this celebration changed a little bit. When the Romans came to visit the Celts, they brought some of their traditions too! They mixed together the fun of Samhain with other celebrations.

Finally, in the 1800s, people from Ireland and Scotland moved to America (that's where we live!) and brought their Halloween fun with them. They started trick-or-treating, where children dress up in costumes and go door to door asking for candy. Yum!

Today, Halloween is a time for spooky fun, costumes, decorations, and, of course, lots of candy. And now you know a bit more about its amazing origin!