



Title: We're Off to Find the Witch's House

Author: Richard Krieb

Age Range: 3-5

Topics/Themes: Halloween

Vocabulary: creeping, slinking, skedaddling, bolting, prowling

See Example of this story read aloud:

ENRICHMENT ACTIVITIES

I. **COMPONENTS OF BOOK** (REVIEW EACH SESSION)

- a. Author, Illustrator (roles of each)
- b. Title; front and back covers; spine, jacket (if there is one)

II. **INTRODUCTION** (PREP QUESTIONS)

- What do you see on the cover?
- How many children are there?
- What are they wearing?
- What do you think the story is about?
- Tell children you'll need help with the "We're not afraid" refrain.

III. **STORY TIME**

a. **Discussion Questions**

- Was this story fiction or nonfiction? (real/fake?)
- Are there real witches?
- Ask if children will go trick-or-treating
- Ask children what costumes they will be wearing and what they look like.
- Why is it important to take a lantern (flashlight)?
- Discuss safety on Halloween

Other

- Come to class wearing a costume, or something that will make children think of Halloween (a witch's hat or wig would be great!)
- After discussion, group pretends to be frightened by the witch and repeat the walk backwards from the witch's house back to the beginning.

b. **Related Songs, Rhymes, & Finger Plays**

1. **Halloween is Here** (Sung to the tune of "Farmer in the Del")
Oh, Halloween is here! Oh, Halloween is here!
With costumes on we'll walk around
We'll knock on doors all over town,
When Halloween is here!
2. **1 Little, 2 Little, 3 Little Witches**
1 little 2 little 3 little witches
Fly over haystacks, fly over ditches
Slide down the moon without any hitches
Hi Ho
Halloween's here

3. Five Little Witches

Five little witches (hold up five fingers) standing by the door.

One flew out (flying motion with hand)

And then there were four.

Four little witches (four fingers) standing by a tree.

One went to pick a pumpkin (picking motion with three fingers)

And then there were three.

Three little witches stirring their brew. (stir)

One fell in

And then there were two. (two fingers)

Two little witches went for a run. (run with fingers) One got lost

And then there was one. (one finger)

She cast a spell

And now there are none. (make motions as if to cast a spell and then put hands in lap)

IV. SUPPLEMENTARY ACTIVITIES

Broomstick Bookmark

This broomstick bookmark can be left plain or personalized with a name, initials or short message. We've used stick foam letters but of course you can use stickers or write your message yourself. The bookmark is perfect for Halloween or for a Harry Potter theme.

You will need:

- A wide popsicle stick (craft stick)
- Brown craft foam
- Cord or string
- Sticky foam letters
- Glue

Instructions:

Cut out from the craft foam a shape like the one below

Cut nips in the wider end so they form the bristles of your broomstick. Glue the foam to the craft stick so the bristles stick out over the end. Tie a small piece of string around the narrowest part of the foam and trim the ends. Kiddos might need some help with this part. Use foam letters or other methods to add a name to the broom handle.

