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This was Richard and Angela's first Halloween since moving to their new home. They were so glad to be invited by the other children in their neighborhood to go trick or treating with them.

As they reached the end of the second block, all the children stopped in front of a large house with an old picket fence around the yard. One of the older kids named Bobby said, "I dare anyone to go knock on that door." "Who?" asked Richard. "It doesn't look so bad to me."

Someone spoke up and said, "That house is haunted! I heard that once a man was killed with a hatchet in the basement."

Richard wanted to fit in with his new friends. Even though he was scared, he said, "Come on, Angela, we will go." "Not me!" said Angela. "You go." After some persuading, Angela agreed to go.

All the other kids said, "We will wait here for you." Slowly, Richard and Angela approached the door. As they stepped onto the porch, the boards creaked. Richard knocked at the door, hoping no one would answer. Just as they were about to turn and run down the steps, the door opened and a small, gray-haired lady appeared. Richard said, "Trick or

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treat!" The lady said, "Please come in." Richard shoved Angela in front of him and they eased into the front room. The kind-looking lady said, "Here children are some treats for you," as she filled both their bags almost full.

In a kind, sweet voice she said, "Let me also give you some good news." Richard was beginning not to be so scared now and said, "All right."

The lady reached on the table and opened a large, well-worn Bible. "Look here, children. The Bible says in Romans 3:23 . . . For all have sinned and come short of the glory of God. That means all of us have sinned and done things that were wrong." Richard and Angela looked at each other. Both were thinking, "How does she know about me?"

The lady continued, "Look, the Bible says here in Romans 6:23 . . . The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Children, that means you need to receive Christ as your Savior."

"Yeah, I know," said Richard, "but we are young and have plenty of time." "The devil likes to trick boys and girls into thinking they have plenty of time," the

lady said.

Angela said, "My cousin died last year and he was younger than we are. I don't want to put off receiving Jesus any longer!"

The kind lady pointed once again to the Bible and read Romans 10:13 . . . "For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."

Both Richard and Angela bowed their heads and with the lady praying with them, asked Jesus to save them and come into their heart.

When they came out of the house, they were happy and jumping up and down! "What are you so excited about?" asked the children. "We just received the greatest treat of all!" said Angela. "We received Jesus Christ as our Savior."

You too can receive Christ in the same way Richard and Angela did. Would you stop letting the devil trick you and receive Christ today?

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