



## Harvest Games to play with your family

### Pumpkin Broom Race

This is a race that can be run as a one-against-one game or relay-style when you have several players to divide into teams. Either way, the goal of each racer is to roll a pumpkin from the starting line to the finish line. Sounds easy? Well, not when you have to push your pumpkin with a broom, guiding it to try and stay on course as it rolls off to one side or gets caught up on its stem. The first player or team to get their pumpkin across the finish line wins.

### Leaf Pile Race

To play this game, you will need plenty of autumn leaves. You can save the ones you rake from your garden in large bags until ready to play. Divide the players into two teams. Place two hula hoops on the ground in the garden. Pour out the leaves around the garden. Give each team a rake, and set a timer. Teams have until the time is up to rake up, carry, gather, and pile as many leaves as they can in their hula-hoop circles. When time is up, the team with the tallest pile of leaves wins.

### Scarecrow Bingo

Create your own scarecrow-themed Bingo cards with autumn-themed clip art images. Arrange the images so that you have several different scarecrows on each sheet of paper (mix up the images on each sheet so that no identical versions are printed). Cut out copies of the images and place them in a scarecrow's hat. Have the caller pull images out at random and hold them up for players to see. Players with a matching image on their sheet mark the spot with a piece of coloured card. The first player to get five in a row wins a prize.

### Scarecrow Word Finder

Print the word "SCARECROW" on a poster board or chalkboard. Give each player a piece of paper and a pen. Set a timer for three minutes and see who can come up with the most words using the letters in the word scarecrow. For instance, scare, crow, care, acre, cow and race are all words that are made up of letters in the word scarecrow.

### Scarecrow Tag

In this game, one player is the scarecrow and the rest are all crows. The scarecrow stands in the middle of the play space, with her arms stretched out like a scarecrow. Divide the crows into two equal groups and send each group to their fence (assigned place on opposite sides of the room). At the start signal, all of the crows must fly from their fence to the opposing fence. The scarecrow tags as many players as she can before they reach the safety of the fence. Anyone who is tagged is out and play continues in this manner until only one player is left. That player then gets to be the scarecrow.

### Musical Pumpkin Pass

Hollow out and fill a pumpkin with small treats. Have players sit on the floor in a circle, and pass the pumpkin as the music plays. Each time the music stops, the player holding the pumpkin puts her hand in and scoops out a prize. Continue until everyone has won a trinket. An alternative idea, would be to fill it with small prayers or verses from the Bible, when the music stops the person holding the pumpkin pull out a piece of paper and read the prayer or Bible verse.

### Pumpkin Coin Toss

Hollow out two pumpkins. Place them on a table and divide your family into two teams. Have the team members line up behind a line that is drawn three feet away from the pumpkins. Give each team a bucket of pennies. Set a timer for two minutes and have players take turns tossing the coins into the pumpkins. The team with the most coins inside of their pumpkin when the timer rings win the game.

### Pumpkin Bowling

Paint some empty, plastic squash or juice bottles with orange paint. Line them up like bowling pins and then roll a small pumpkin (you may have to remove the stem) like a bowling ball to knock them down.

*Have fun!!*