

Halloween Party Games

Messy Party Games



General safety notes:

- Before playing games involving food check the children are not allergic to anything.
- These are traditional games played by generations of children without issues - but this does not stop adults needing to use common sense. Please consider hygiene and safety issues before playing any game.

Apple Bobbing

You need: A clean bowl of water with apples floating in it and a hand towel. Hair ties are also useful for children with long hair.

Playing the game: Each child puts their hands behind their back and tries to take an apple out of the bowl, using their teeth.

Hygiene Note: Children sometimes start to bite a piece of apple but it gets away from them and ends up mixed up with the other apples. If you want to ensure that each child only bites one apple, place apples into the bowl one at a time.

Malteser-Flour Game

You need: A bag of flour or icing sugar and maltesers/grapes or similar. A cloth for wiping the children's faces afterwards is also a good idea.

Setting up the game: Make a pile of flour or icing sugar on a tray. Place a grape or malteser on top of the pile, in a small dip.

Playing the game: Children take it in turn to pick up the treat with their teeth (no hands allowed). When the treat has been taken, place a new treat on top for the next player. Rebuild the heap is necessary.

If you're evil: Get the children to do apple bobbing first so that their face is slightly damp. This will make the game messier.

Safety Note: An adult should supervise and stop children putting their entire face into the flour as they may breath it in or get flour in their eyes.

Buns on Strings

You need: Enough buns/doughnuts for 1 per child, clean string and a suitable place to tie the string to.

Setting up the game: Tie buns onto strings and then hang these from a wire/string stretched across the room or a suitable piece of furniture. Buns should be at a height close to the children's mouths.

Playing the game: Each child chooses a bun and tries to eat it with their hands behind their backs.

Hygiene Note: Broken pieces of bun often fall on the floor. An adult should watch to check that these are not eaten.



Worm Pie

You need: A bowl per child (or wash up in between groups), squirty cream, and jelly worm sweets.

Playing the game: Squirt cream into the bowl and add one or more jelly worms. Children attempt to eat the jelly sweets without using their hands.

Health and Hygiene Note: Do not leave cream out for long as it will go off. Do not overfill the bowls with cream and watch that children do not stick the top of their head into the cream (as it will go in their eyes).

Wrap the Mummy

You need: New (i.e. straight from the packet, not the bathroom!) toilet rolls. We recommend 4 economy rolls per team.

Playing the game: Divide the children into pairs or small groups. Each group should select one person who would like to become the mummy. The other children in the group wrap the toilet roll around them to form the bandages.

Game objective: The winning group is the one to cover the mummy first.

Safety note: Make sure children do not wrap tissue tightly around the neck area. You may wish to ban the head and neck from being covered at all. If not, tell the children to start at the feet and work upwards.

Vampire Stacking/Werewolf Hunt

You need: Water balloons, drawing pins or string, a board or fence, darts.

Setting up the game: Put a small amount of water into water balloons (it can be coloured if for effect if desired). Tie the balloons shut and pin or hang them to a board or fence.

Playing the game: Children take it in turn to throw darts at the water balloons a given number of times. Any they successfully puncture are injured vampires/werewolves. These score 1 point. Any balloons that burst completely are successful kills. These score 3 points.

Safety Note: An adult must ensure that no children are near the area where darts are being thrown. Only one child at a time should throw darts. Children who are too young to have developed the skill to throw in a given direction should not play this game.

Mr Hal O Ween's Remains

You need: A selection of food or other objects that feel like the parts of a body.

Setting up the game: Place the food in separate small bowls and work out a story.

Playing the game: Sit the children in a circle and turn off the lights. Tell a story about the rotting corpse of Mr Hal O Ween (alternatively tell the story as a witch putting ingredients into her cauldron). As you tell the story pass the food/objects around the circle.

Hygiene note: If handling raw meat, ensure children wash their hands thoroughly immediately after the game.

Suggested items:

Peeled grapes = eye balls

A raw sausage = finger

Slightly warm porridge = brains

Warm milk = blood

Torn piece of wet dishcloth = skin

Baked beans = sick from the dying man

Spaghetti = veins

Ear = dried apricot soaked overnight

Teeth = unpopped popcorn

