

Pip's Pumpkin

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Pip the hedgehog sat at the kitchen table. Their tiny round glasses caught the light. A leaf tucked behind one ear nodded gently.

On the table sat a pumpkin. A big, orange pumpkin. Pip felt so proud. "I will carve this," Pip said softly.



Pip pushed the carving tool. It did not move. The pumpkin was very hard. Pip tried again. Still very hard.

Pip's leaf drooped a little. "I cannot do this alone," Pip whispered.



But then Pip remembered something. Asking for help was okay. It was kind and brave.

"May I have help?" Pip asked. Their voice was small and sweet.

A grown-up came right over. "Of course, Pip," they said warmly. "Let's carve together."



The grown-up held the pumpkin steady. Pip guided the tool. Together they carved slowly. Carefully. Gently.

A face took shape. Two round eyes. A curved smile.

"We did it!" said Pip. Pip felt so happy. So proud.



The grown-up smiled. "You asked for help. That was very wise."

Pip picked a new leaf from the floor. A golden one. "For my friend," Pip said, tucking it safely.

Asking for help made everything better. And it made Pip feel less alone.



The pumpkin glowed softly on the table. Pip's glasses glinted. Their leaf rustled softly.

It had been a very good day.

My jack-o'-lantern

Pip asked for help and made a great pumpkin. Draw the face you would carve on yours!

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