

# Halloween

This is a Halloween research paper. I want to share it with you because originally this was a day to celebrate the lord of the dead, known as Samhain. When Scottish and Irish Immigrants came to America, some things changed. For example, the name changed, all kids went “trick or treating”, and pumpkins replaced the turnips. But, let’s start from the beginning.

Halloween started in Scotland and Ireland. The Gaul’s were celebrating Samhain, the lord of the dead. The Gaul’s believed that Samhain had the power to let the souls of the dead go to their home. In Deuteronomy 6:4, the bible says there is only one God. Since I know that there is one God, I don’t want to be a part of a celebration that celebrates another god.

The religious leaders of Gaul’s were called druids. The name for the Gaul’s celebration was All Hallows Eve. Then, around the first century, the Romans conquered the Gaul’s. The Roman fall festivals got mixed up with these fall Celtic festivals. One of the Roman festivals mixed up with these Celtic festivals were Feralia, to honor the dead.

In the eleventh century, they changed the name to All Souls Day. Then, in 19<sup>th</sup> century, Irish people believed that “fairies” played tricks on Halloween. So, young boys started playing jokes on Halloween.

During this time, a huge number of Irish and Scottish immigrants came to America bringing their festivals with them. When the Scottish and Irish came to America, some things changed. The name changed to Halloween, the pumpkins replaced the turnips, and all kids started getting dressed up in costumes and then going “trick or treating”.

## In conclusion

After researching Halloween, I found out:

1. It has nothing to do with the Bible.
2. It would be like worshipping a god.
3. Halloween has made ghosts and witches popular.
4. In Deut.6:4, it says (Hear O Israel, the lord our God is one God.)

These are some reasons I don’t celebrate Halloween.

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