

Weekly Faith Formation Update

October 5- 9, 2020

As we head into yet another month of this strange and unusual times, we keep having to think outside of the box for ways to make Halloween and All Saints Day special!

[Pumpkin Windsocks | Happy Home Fairy](#)

Materials needed: two thick paper plates, orange paint and paintbrush, yellow, brown, and green construction paper, green, orange and red streamers, tape, glue stick, stapler, small ribbon, pumpkin prayer

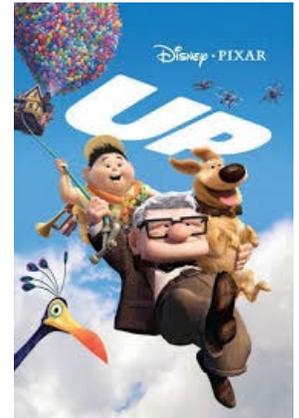


1. Paint paper plates orange
2. Cut out 2 crosses for eyes, a nose, and a mouth out of yellow construction paper
3. Cut stem out of brown and leaf out of green.
4. Make a pumpkin face on one of the plates with the cut pieces of construction paper.
5. Add several pieces of streamers to the bottom of the plate.
6. Put both plates together with staples
7. Print pumpkin prayer and attach to the plate without the face on it.
8. Make a hanger with ribbon.

[Celebrating All Saints with Pixar UP | Building Faith](#)

All Saints Day is a principle feast day in the Episcopal Church and the day of commemorating all saints known and unknown in the church. All Saints is typically observed with baptism, as we celebrate this range of saints from new to ancient, both the capital-S Saints of the church and the whole assembly of the saints.

All Souls' Day, or the Commemoration of All Faithful Departed, is an optional observance that focuses on remembering faithful loved ones who have died. To help children understand this breadth of our communion of saints and go deeper than candy and costumes, check out this Pixar movies as a way to start conversations and help your family celebrate new saints, remember those who have died, and engage more deeply in their communities of faith.



All Saints Day is a special day that many Christians celebrate right after Halloween. If you are still not meeting in person, ask kids to watch the Pixar movie *UP* as a family and either have discussion using questions or watch and have discussion on Zoom. If you can socially distance and be safe, have a screening of the movie with discussion afterwards.

When Carl Fredrickson flies his balloon-lifted house to Paradise Falls, he also journeys through grief of a dear departed saint and welcomes a new person into his life in a meaningful way.

- After watching *Up*, ask kids to talk about how Carl felt when Ellie died. How was her love and courage still present with Carl? What do you think he missed most, or when did Carl miss her the most? If your family has lost a loved one, connect that experience to your discussion of Carl's mourning.
- Ask kids how Carl felt about Russell being on the journey to Paradise Falls. Did he always want Russell along for the ride? Do we get to choose who is on the journey of faith and part of the communion of saints with us? When is it hard to include others? Would the story be the same without Russell?
- Even as we think about the Ellies who paved the way for our faith adventures and taught us how to follow Jesus, we keep an eye out for the Russells, the Kevins, and the Dougs along the way, inviting new companions into our journey with God.