Ages 3–5 15–20 minutes · 1 child or a whole class

Pip's Silly Halloween Party

Pip's party is about to start, but all the guests are hiding!

Pip the pumpkin is throwing a Halloween party. The bats need counting, Boo the ghost is lost, and Pip wants a silly new face. Four short activities, then a certificate. Nothing scary: every face smiles.

Skills: matching shapes · counting to 10 · pencil control · scissor practice (straight lines) · gluing · following directions

What you need

- Crayons or markers
- Child-safe scissors and a glue stick
- Plain printer paper. Card stock for the cut-out page is nice but not needed.

How to play

1. Read each page out loud. Your child doesn't need to read anything.
2. Do the pages in order, or skip around. Stop whenever attention runs out and come back later.
3. There's no wrong way. A crooked cut just makes Pip sillier.
4. For a three-year-old, you can cut the pieces out and let them do the gluing.
5. Finish with the certificate. Everyone who plays is a Party Helper.

Answers are on page 8, for grown-ups.

If a player can't easily see the pictures or uses a screen reader, page 9 tells you what to describe on each page.

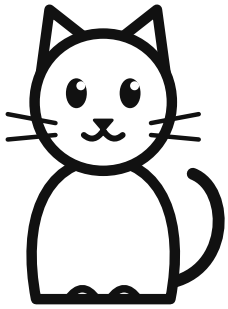
In a classroom

Copy pages 2–7 once per child. Pages use thin outlines and no big black areas, so they're easy on toner. The cut-and-glue activity fits a 20-minute center. Pre-cut the pieces for younger groups.

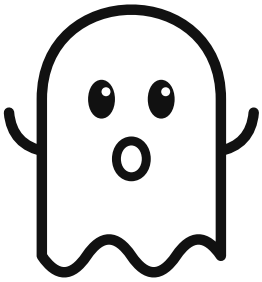
Who's hiding?

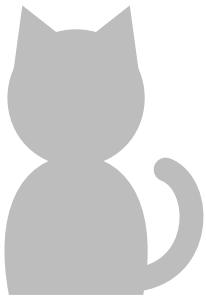
Pip's friends are playing hide-and-seek.

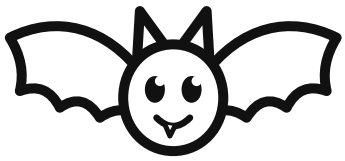
Draw a line from each friend to their shadow.

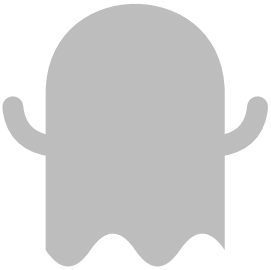






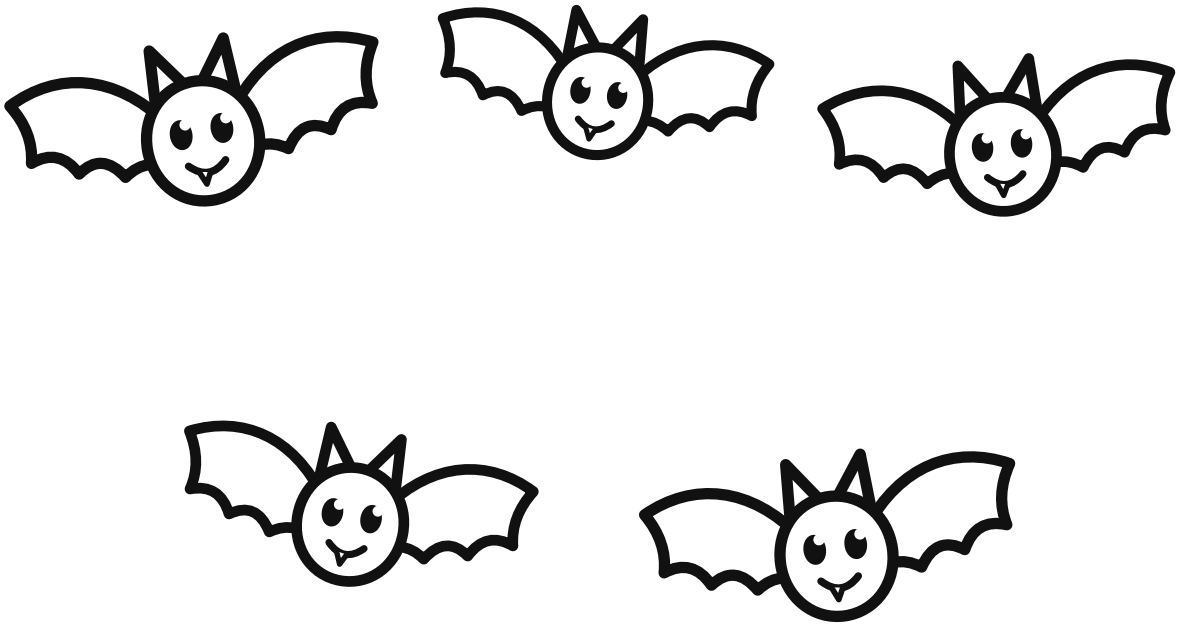




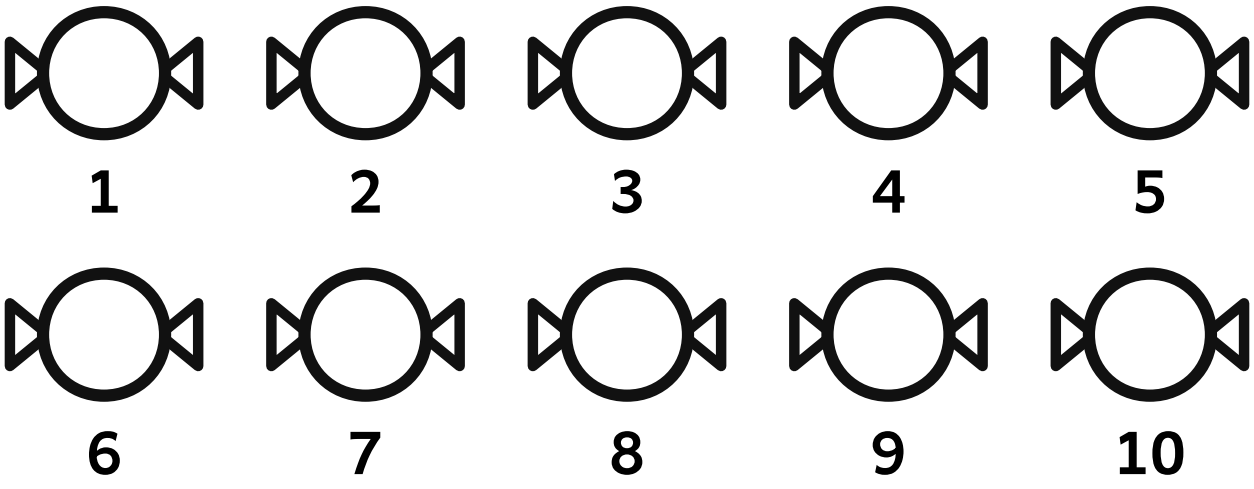


Count the bats!

The bats came to the party. Let's count them!



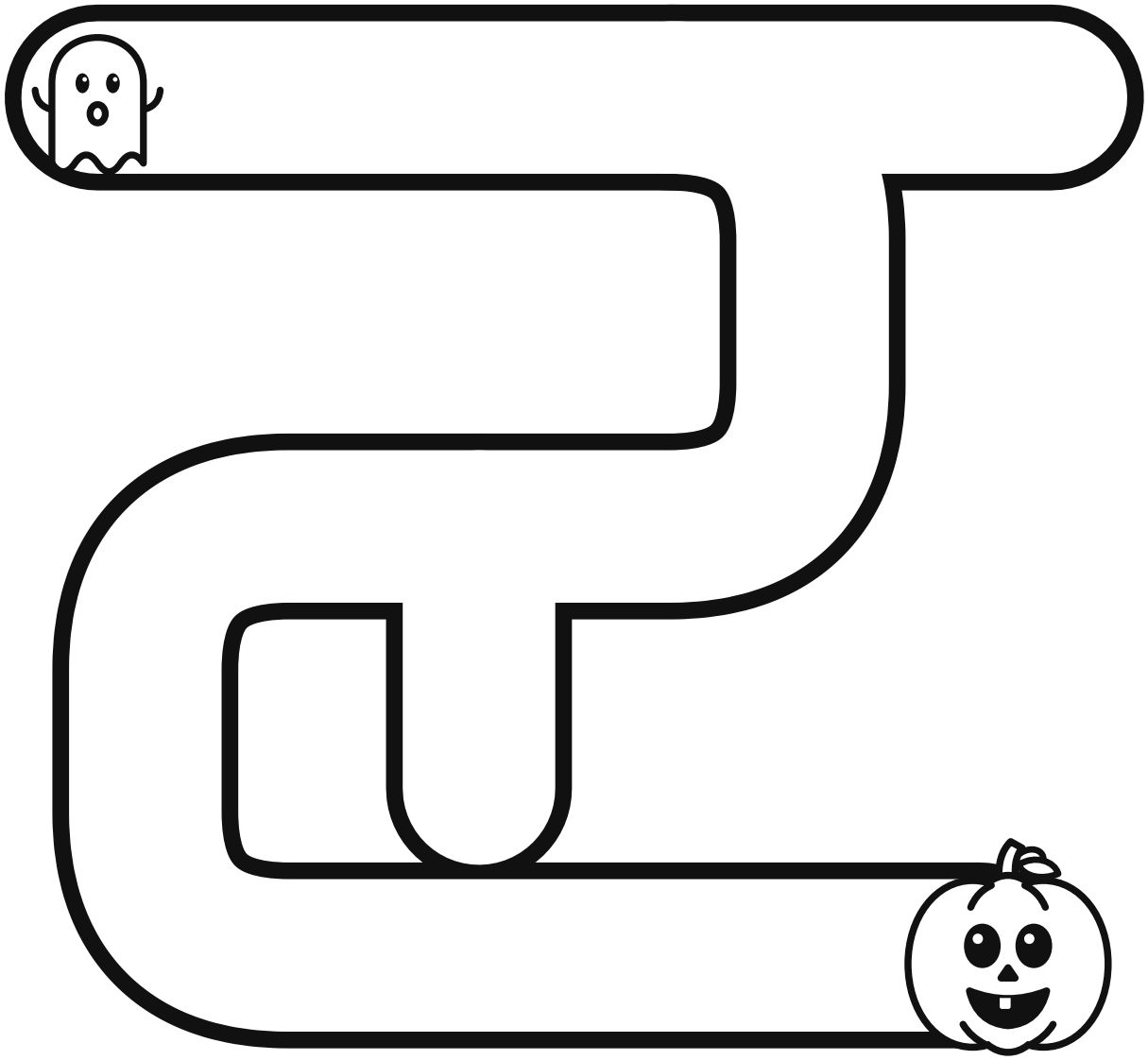
Count the bats, then color one candy for each.



Boo is lost!

Boo the ghost is late for the party.

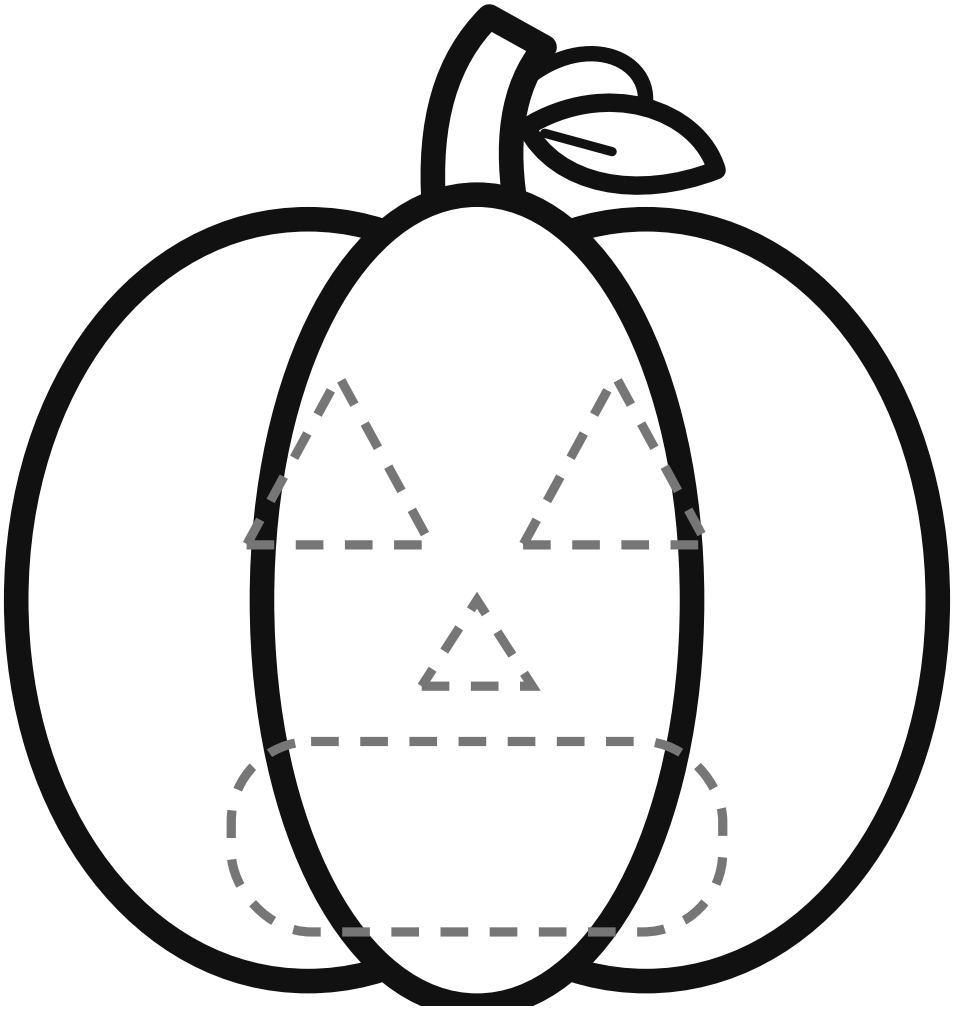
Draw a path to help Boo float to Pip.



Make Pip's party face!

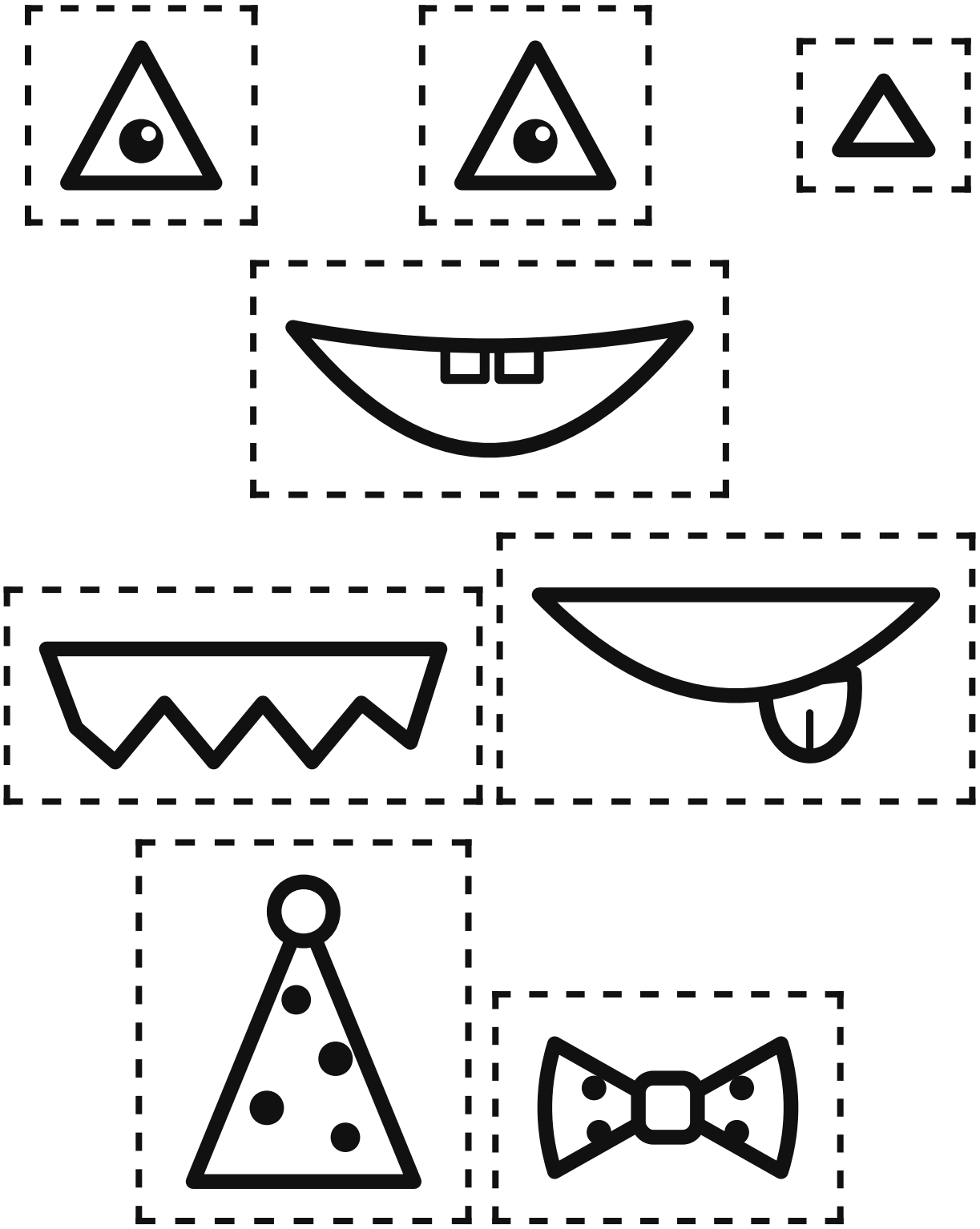
Pip wants a silly face for the party. Let's make one!

1. Cut out the pieces on page 6.
2. Glue on two eyes, a nose and a mouth.
3. Color Pip! Add the hat or bow tie for extra silly.



Pip's party face pieces

Cut on the dashed lines. Pick one mouth!



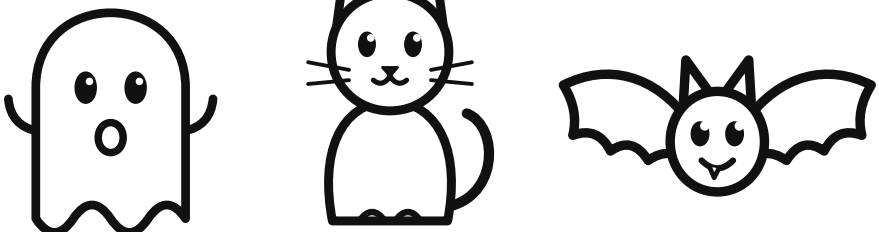


Party Helper!

This certificate goes to

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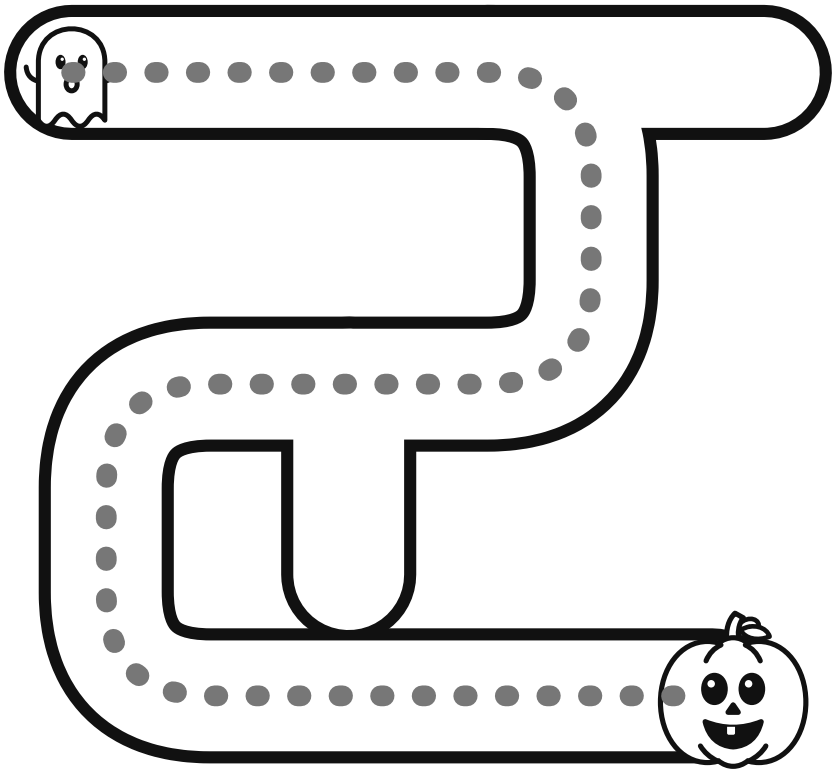
for helping Pip get ready for the
Halloween party. Hooray!



Date: _____

Answers, for grown-ups

Who's hiding?	Cat → middle shadow. Ghost → bottom shadow. Bat → top shadow.
Count the bats!	5 bats. Color candies 1 to 5. If your child counts a different number, count together and point at each bat as you go.
Boo is lost!	The dotted line shows the way. Dead ends are fine; just go back.
Make Pip's party face!	Any face is right. The dotted shapes are only a guide.



Grown-ups get a kit too

Our free escape-room kit for teens and adults, *The Clockmaker's Study*, is on the same page you got this one from. New kits for this age are added there too. Kinundrum makes personalized puzzle countdowns for families and group chats.

Credits

Illustrations: original art made for this kit. Fonts: Andika (SIL International), SIL Open Font License 1.1; Fredoka (Milena Brandão and Hafontia), SIL Open Font License 1.1.

Reading the pictures aloud

For a player who can't easily see the pictures or uses a screen reader. Read each page's part aloud, then let your child answer. The answers on page 8 are the same.

Who's hiding?

Name the friends, then describe each shadow and let your child say whose it is.

- The friends: a cat, a ghost and a bat.
- Top shadow: two wide, pointy wings and two little pointed ears.
- Middle shadow: two pointed ears and a long curly tail.
- Bottom shadow: a round top, two little arms and a wavy bottom edge.

Count the bats!

Read the bats slowly, one at a time, and let your child count. A coin or a block for each one helps.

- Top row: bat, bat, bat.
- Bottom row: bat, bat.

Then color that many candies, starting at 1.

Boo is lost!

A tracing maze doesn't read aloud. Trace it together, their finger under yours.

Make Pip's party face!

The pieces are two eyes, a nose, three mouths to choose from (a grin, a zigzag and one sticking out its tongue), a party hat and a bow tie. Name each piece as your child picks it up, and help with the scissors and glue as much as they like.