Jack O' Lantern

A tale for Halloween

Stingy Jack

This is the story of an Irish man.

His name is Jack.

Many stories refer to him as **Stingy Jack**.

Stingy means greedy. We call STINGY a person who loves money, and wants it all for himself.

Stingy Jack's Story

Stingy Jack is a bad person. He drinks a lot, loves money and takes pleasure in playing mean tricks.

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Jack meets with the Devil

He spends lots of time at the pub.

One day he meets the Devil.

The Devil offers to buy Jack a drink in exchange for his soul.

Jack accepts.

The devil turns into a coin to pay for the drinks.

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Jack tricks the Devil

Jack puts the coin in his pocket where he keeps a cross.

The cross keeps the Devil from changing back.

Jack's agreement with the Devil

The Devil asks Jack to let him turn back to his old self.

Stingy Jack agrees to free the Devil, but the Devil can't take his soul now.

This is the contract: Jacks frees the Devil, and the Devil must wait some time before taking his soul.

Jacks meets with the Devil…again!

Years later, he meets the Devil again, by an apple tree.

The Devil wants to take his soul. It is time!

Stingy Jack asks the Devil to climb up the tree and get him an apple.

As soon as the Devil climbs up the tree, Stingy Jack places a cross and the Devil is trapped again.

Jack and the devil make another contract, and the Devil agrees to wait some more before taking Jack's soul.

The Devil tricks Jack

Finally, Jack dies.

He cannot go to Heaven, because he was a mean man.

He goes to Hell, but the Devil does not take him. He says he would wait.

Now Stingy Jack has nowhere to go. He cannot go to Heaven; he cannot go to Hell.

He stays here and wanders.

Jack makes a lantern

The Devil gives Jack some flames from Hell.
Jack puts them into a pumpkin to make a lantern.

He is still here, and you can see him and his
lantern on Halloween night.

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Jack of the Lantern

The Irish called the ghost of Stingy Jack, "Jack of the Lantern", later abbreviated to Jack O'Lantern".

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