

# Professor Pumpkin's Pop Quiz

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# Introduction Game – Professor Pumpkin’s Pop Quiz

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## SUPPLIES NEEDED:

- A large pumpkin with a painted face, hidden at first under a sheet or box. Alternatively, you can use our Pumpkin Pumpkin image above as a printed visual.
- List of trivia question cards (below)
- A way to tally which student gets the most correct answers.
- Optional: A miniature pumpkin (or several) as a prize for the most correct answers on the pumpkin pop quiz.



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**TEACHER INTRODUCTION:** I’m so excited to see everyone here today. Raise your hand if you have a favorite teacher. When I can count to three, let’s all say their name out loud at the same time—ready -1-2-3

[Children respond all at once.]

Wow, those are some great teachers. But you know what? One of my favorite teachers has a big round orange face, doesn't give homework, and grew up in a garden. Any guesses? That's right – it's a pumpkin! Can you believe it?

[Reveal the hidden pumpkin with the painted face.]

You might be thinking, "A pumpkin can't teach! It doesn't even talk!" But God made everything in nature to teach us about His power and love if we pay attention. And

let me tell you, this pumpkin teacher has some amazing lessons hidden in its... um... vine!

Are you all ready to start? Professor Pumpkin has brought a quiz to see how much you already know about pumpkins. You won't receive a grade, and we'll take the quiz as a group, so there's no pressure.

**How to Play:** I'll ask the quiz questions about pumpkins. If you think the answer is true, raise your hand. If you think it's false, keep your hand down. We'll keep a simple tally of who gets the most correct answers and name them the official title "Professor Pumpkins Protege."

### **Pumpkin Quiz Trivia Questions (19 possible for no ties)**

1. Pumpkins are a fruit, not a vegetable. True or False?

**True** - Because they contain seeds, pumpkins are classified as fruit.

2. There are over 200 Bible passages that reference pumpkins. True or False?

**False** - While pumpkins themselves are not mentioned, related plants like gourds and squashes are referenced in the Bible.

3. The largest pumpkin ever recorded weighed over 2,500 pounds. True or False?

**True** - Giant pumpkins can reach some impressive weights!

4. Pumpkins are only orange. True or False?

**False** - They can be in various colors, including white, blue, and green.

5. All parts of a pumpkin are edible, including the skin and stem. True or False?

**True** - Every part of the pumpkin can be used in cooking or as animal feed.

6. Pumpkins were once recommended for removing freckles. True or False?

**True** - Historical remedies included using pumpkin to improve skin health.

7. Pumpkins are native to North America. True or False?

**True** - They are native to the continent and were a food source long before European settlers arrived.

8. A pumpkin's journey from seed to harvest can teach us about God's plan for growth and redemption in our lives. True or False?

**True** - At PUMPKIN PALOOZA, you'll learn how the pumpkin's growth process can remind us of God's plan for creation, growth, and redemption.

9. A pumpkin is 90% water. True or False?

**True** - This makes them a low-calorie food choice until you make it a pie.

10. Pumpkin flowers are inedible. True or False?

**False** - The flowers are edible and can be cooked or eaten raw.

11. Our pastor (insert your minister's name) can eat a whole pumpkin pie all at once. True or False?

**Maybe?** This depends on your own pastor.

12. Pumpkins are a cousin to pickles. True or False?

**True** - They are part of the Cucurbitaceae family, which also includes cucumbers, but they are more specifically related to squashes.

13. Illinois grows more pumpkins than any other U.S. state. True or False?

**True** - Illinois is one of the largest producers of pumpkins in the United States.

14. Pumpkin pie at Thanksgiving started with the pilgrims. True or False?

**False** - It started later, with recipes appearing in cookbooks by the 19th century.

15. Pumpkins need a lot of sunlight to grow. True or False?

**True** - Pumpkins require a lot of sunlight to grow large and healthy.

16. Every continent except Antarctica grows pumpkins. True or False?

**True** - Pumpkins are cultivated on every continent except Antarctica.

17. Pumpkins can be used as containers for soup. True or False?

**True** - Hollowed-out pumpkins can be used as bowls to serve pumpkin soup and other dishes.

18. A group of pumpkins is called a patch. True or False?

**True** - A group of growing pumpkins is often referred to as a pumpkin patch.

19. The original Cinderella's carriage was inspired by a pumpkin. True or False?

**True** - In the fairy tale, a pumpkin is magically transformed into a carriage.

**TEACHER:** Great job, everyone! I hope you all enjoyed learning those fun facts about pumpkins. I know Professor Pumpkin was very impressed. It's amazing how much there is to know about the things God creates. Remember, just like each pumpkin is unique, each of you is special to God. He has a plan for all of us to grow and be part of His wonderful creation.



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This activity is from the first lesson of ***Pumpkin Palooza: 4-Week Children's Ministry Curriculum***. This fall teaching theme that celebrates God's creation and His abundant

blessings. Through engaging activities, pumpkin-themed games, and diverse learning experiences, children aged 6-12 will explore key Bible stories about creation, growth, gratitude, and God's plan for redemption. Use this link or QR code to learn more about the series.

<https://sundayschool.store/products/pumpkin-palooza-curriculum>

