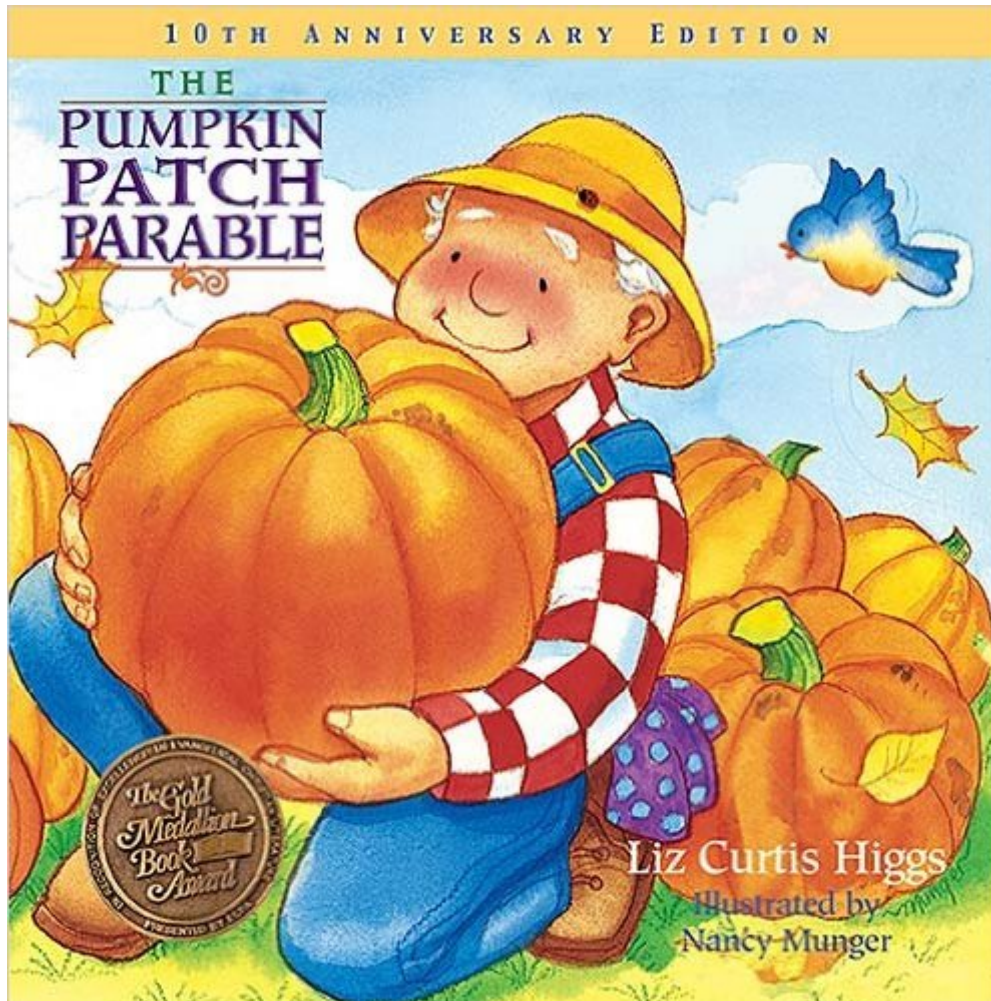


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# The Pumpkin Patch Parable: Special Edition (Parable Series)



## Synopsis

The Pumpkin Patch Parable-This charming story for children illustrates how a loving farmer can turn a simple pumpkin into a simply glorious sight. In the same way, God's transforming love can fill each of our hearts with joy and light. Liz Curtis Higgs created this parable as a way to share the Good News with her own precious children each harvest season . . . and now with children everywhere.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 3 - 7 years

Grade Level: Preschool - 2

## Customer Reviews

This is the perfect book for bringing a Christian perspective to the celebration of Halloween! Liz Curtis Higgs tells the story of the Farmer, who plants a garden bearing all kinds of vegetables. His favorite vegetable is the pumpkin, which grows in all different sizes and shapes. When it's harvest time, the Farmer carefully picks the pumpkin, scoops out the slimy pulp, carves a face, and places a light inside. The story ends by telling how God is the Farmer, and we are just like those pumpkins, chosen by Him, made clean and given His light. For older readers, this similarity is reinforced by appropriate Bible verses on the bottom of each page. I use this book every year just before Halloween in my third grade Sunday School class. My students are just learning to use their Bibles, so I start by having the kids look up some of the verses before we read the story. Those verses that seemed dry and dusty before the story come alive when we read about the Farmer. I also share this book with my own, younger kids, just before we carve jack-o'-lanterns. We remember the parable

and its meaning every time we see one of those grinning pumpkins.

As a first grade teacher and a Sunday School teacher I was able to get double duty from my book! It let children know that the Halloween season need not be scary and it also helped my public school children to realize the time it takes to grow a pumpkin. I only wish the author would of had that nice farmer save the seeds to be planted the next year.

Are you looking for a great harvest book? Here it is! No scary monsters or evil themes here! The farmer cleans out the mess inside the pumpkin and makes it shine for everyone to see. God does the same thing to us! A great way to celebrate the season so many Christians have a hard time with!

This is a great story that can help people of all ages, even though geared to children, understand the message of the Gospel in a creative way. This doesn't have to be associated with the celebration of Halloween. I know that many people who profess to be Christians still like to celebrate Halloween and feel that this story helps to tie it to their faith. That shouldn't make this a bad book for those who don't think Halloween has a place in the lives of Christians. Putting a face on a pumpkin to do something fun during fall harvest is a spiritually neutral activity. It just doesn't have to be about Halloween. I am glad that people like Ms Higgs take the time to do something positive for this time of year--something that takes the focus OFF of Halloween.

This is a beautiful story. This story teaches us how a farmer changes a pumpkin into a awesome sight just like Jesus changes us when we accept his love. It was beautiful illustrated with bible verses at the bottom of every page. I used this book when I taught Sunday School. My children love the pictures. This is a great book!!!!

This book is a wonderful book for children who do not celebrate Halloween. It has a Christian theme running throughout, but could be used without the verses as a great read-aloud book for any group of young children.

This book is perfect to share with children at a Bible study that leads into an activity to carve pumpkins with a Christian theme, showing that Halloween can be fun without scary and ugly decorations that take away from the message of God.

This book is a must have for every Christian home. The illustration is creative and colorful and the story line is basic but poignant. Our 4 year old daughter asks us to read it over and over again and I am grateful that she is getting such a powerful message about what God can do in our lives....all through a book about PUMPKINS!!

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