

Use this book template as part of a Pumpkin Gospel demonstration.  
Supplies: one large pumpkin, candle and lighter or flashlight/battery-operated electric candle, pumpkin carving knife (small and jagged), large garbage bag, paper towels, wet wipes.

Have children color and cut the outlines of their pumpkins ahead of time.

When you carve the pumpkin, have children cut the top off the pumpkin on the third page.

When you take out the seeds, wipe them dry with paper towels and have children glue them onto the fourth page.

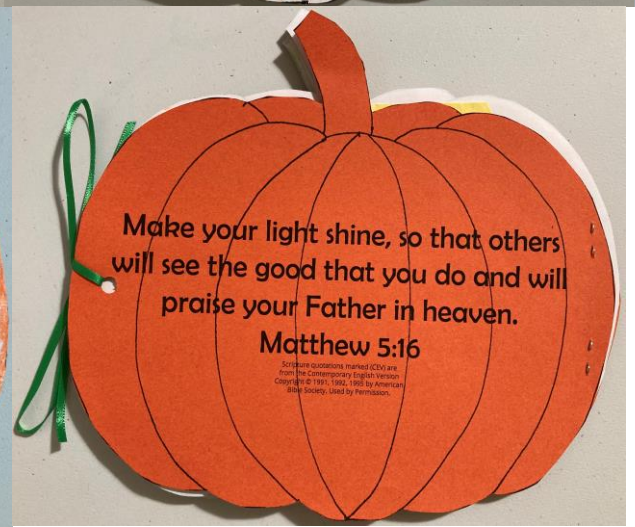
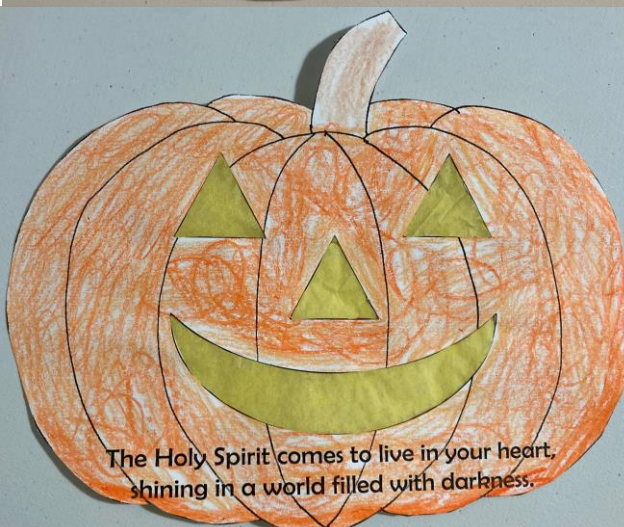
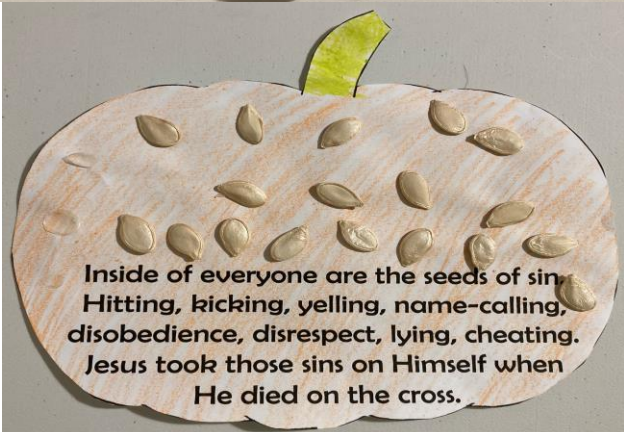
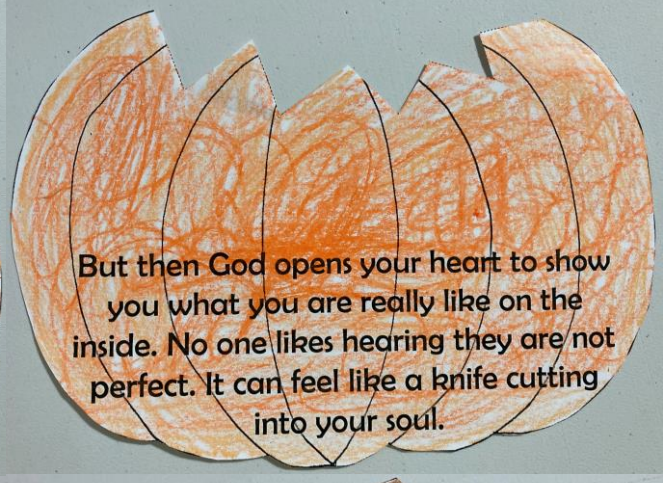
When you scrape out the slime, give small bits to children to glue onto the fifth page.

Children can draw/cut the sixth and seventh page as an alternative to the faces provided.

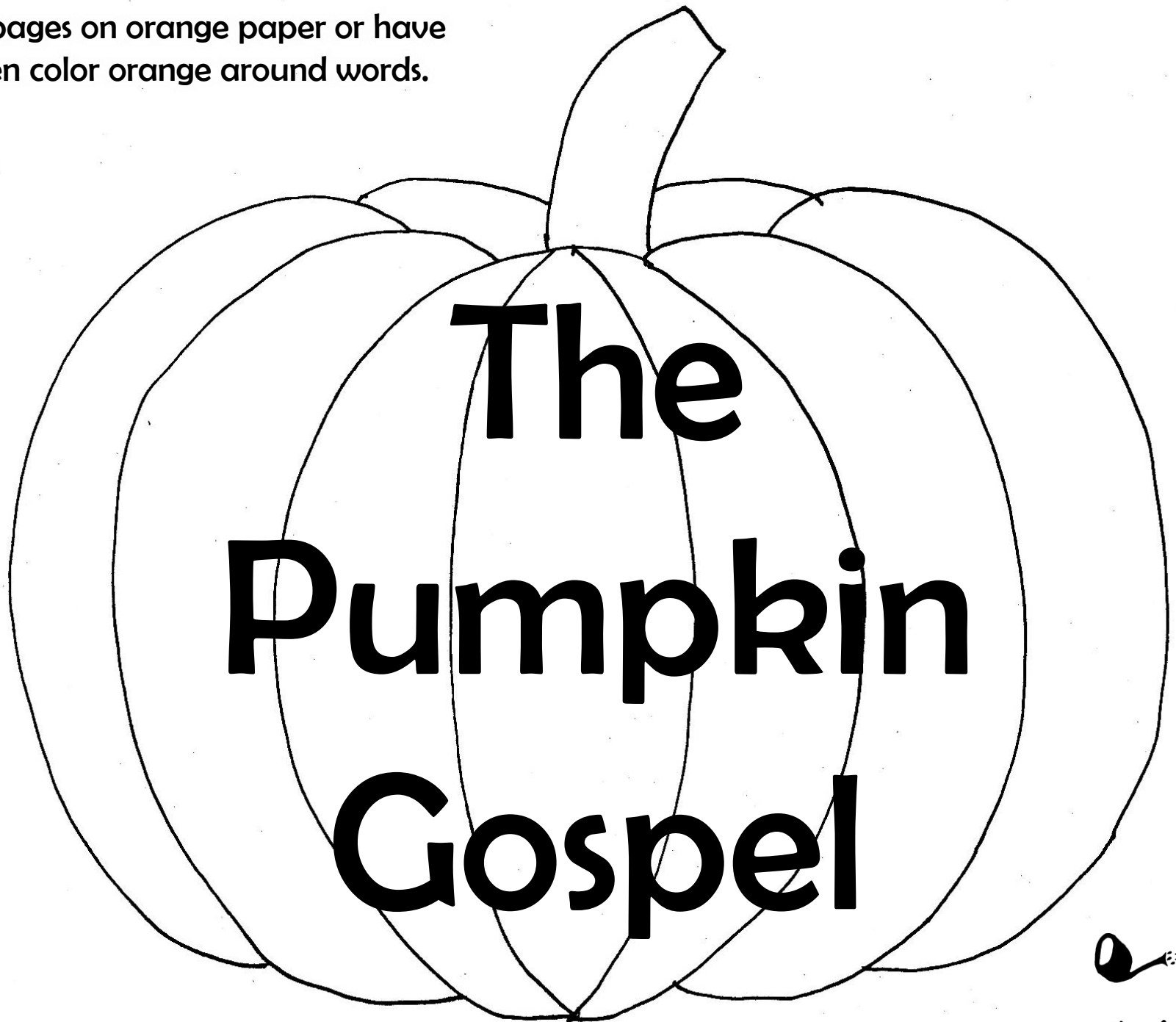
Glue yellow tissue paper or metallic gold paper behind the seventh page after cutting out the face.

Hole punch the first and last pages to attach a ribbon to tie the book closed.



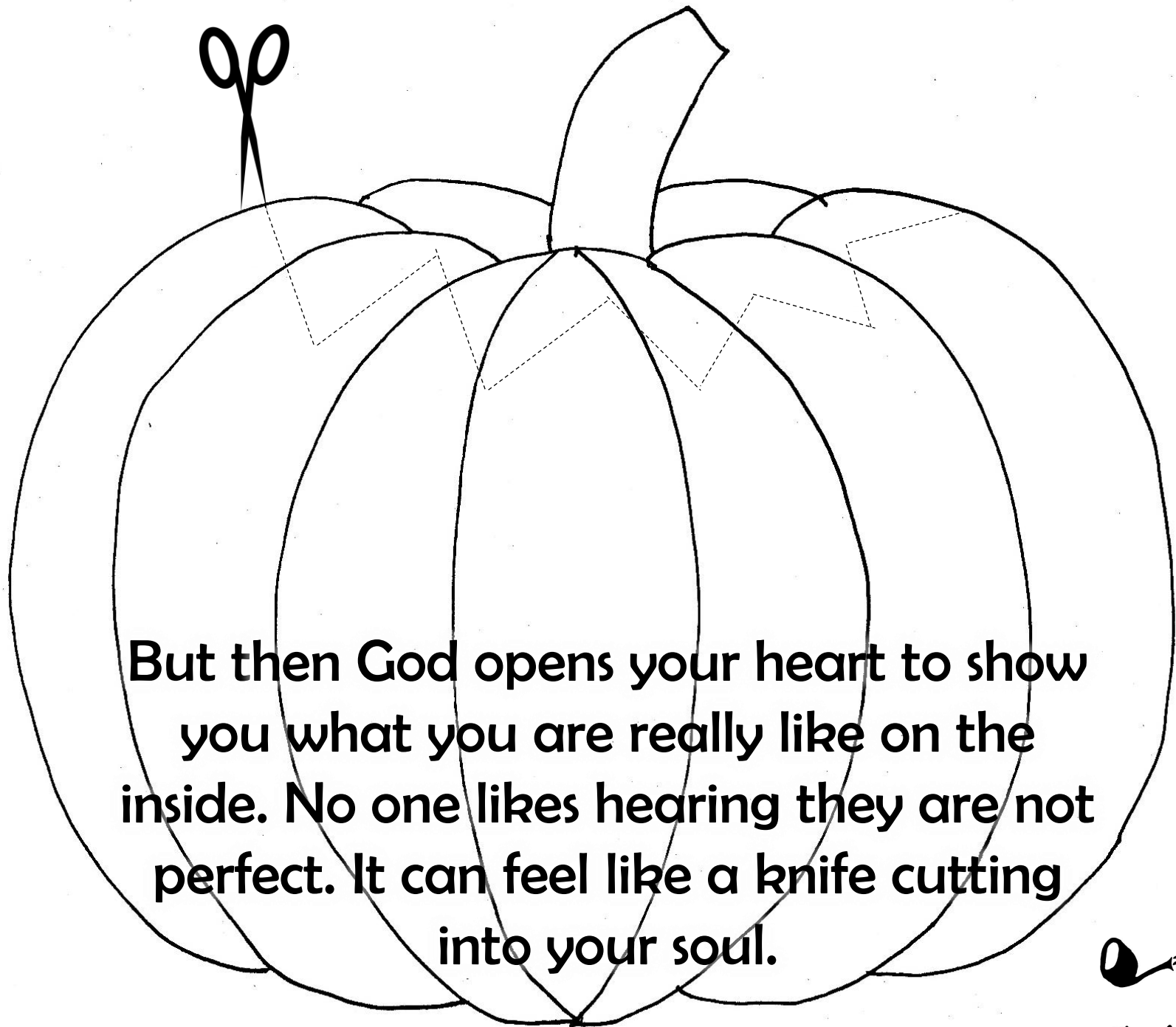


Print pages on orange paper or have children color orange around words.

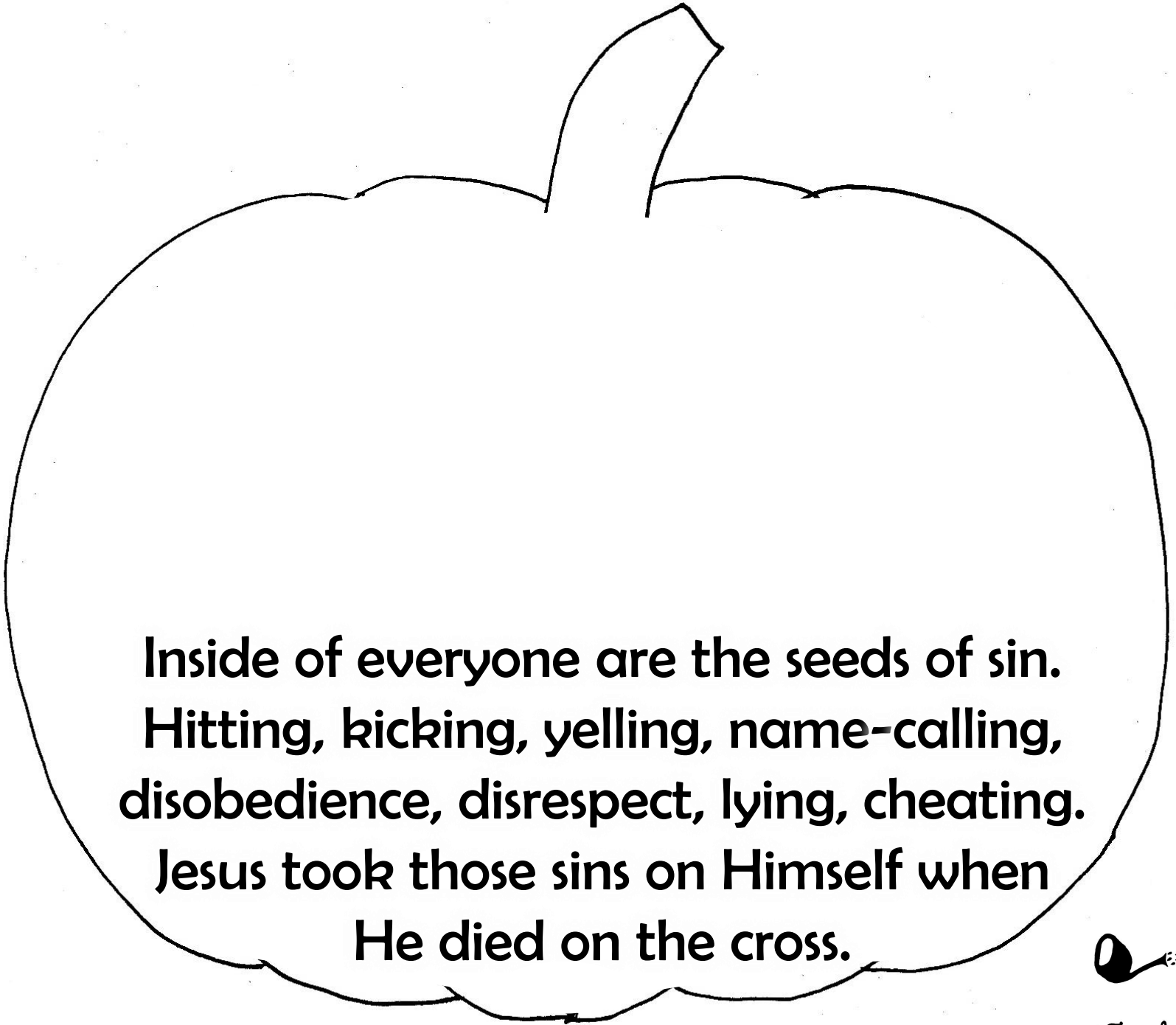




**When God first picks you out of  
the patch, you look great on  
the outside. You think you  
couldn't get any better.**

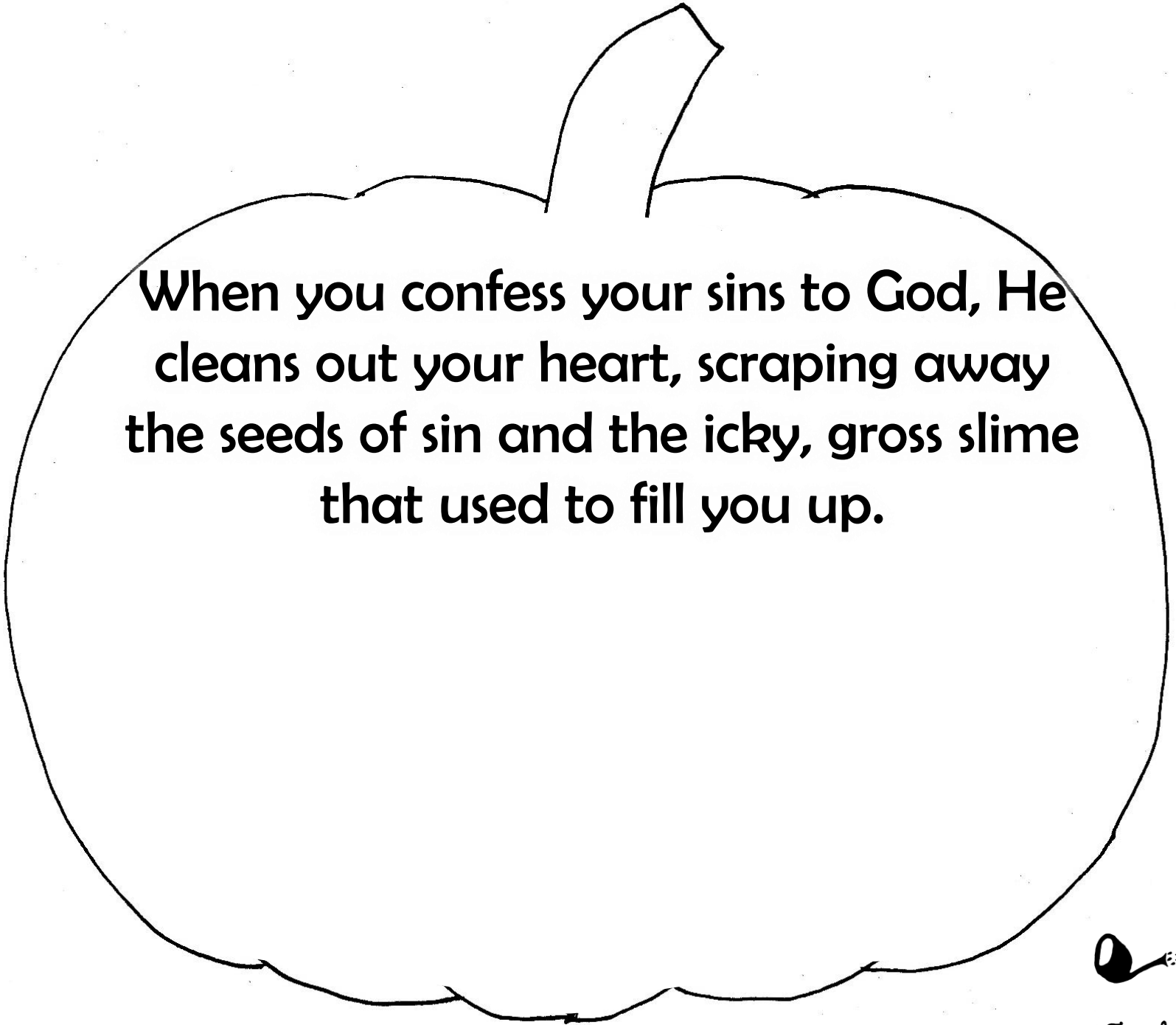


**But then God opens your heart to show  
you what you are really like on the  
inside. No one likes hearing they are not  
perfect. It can feel like a knife cutting  
into your soul.**



**Inside of everyone are the seeds of sin.  
Hitting, kicking, yelling, name-calling,  
disobedience, disrespect, lying, cheating.  
Jesus took those sins on Himself when  
He died on the cross.**





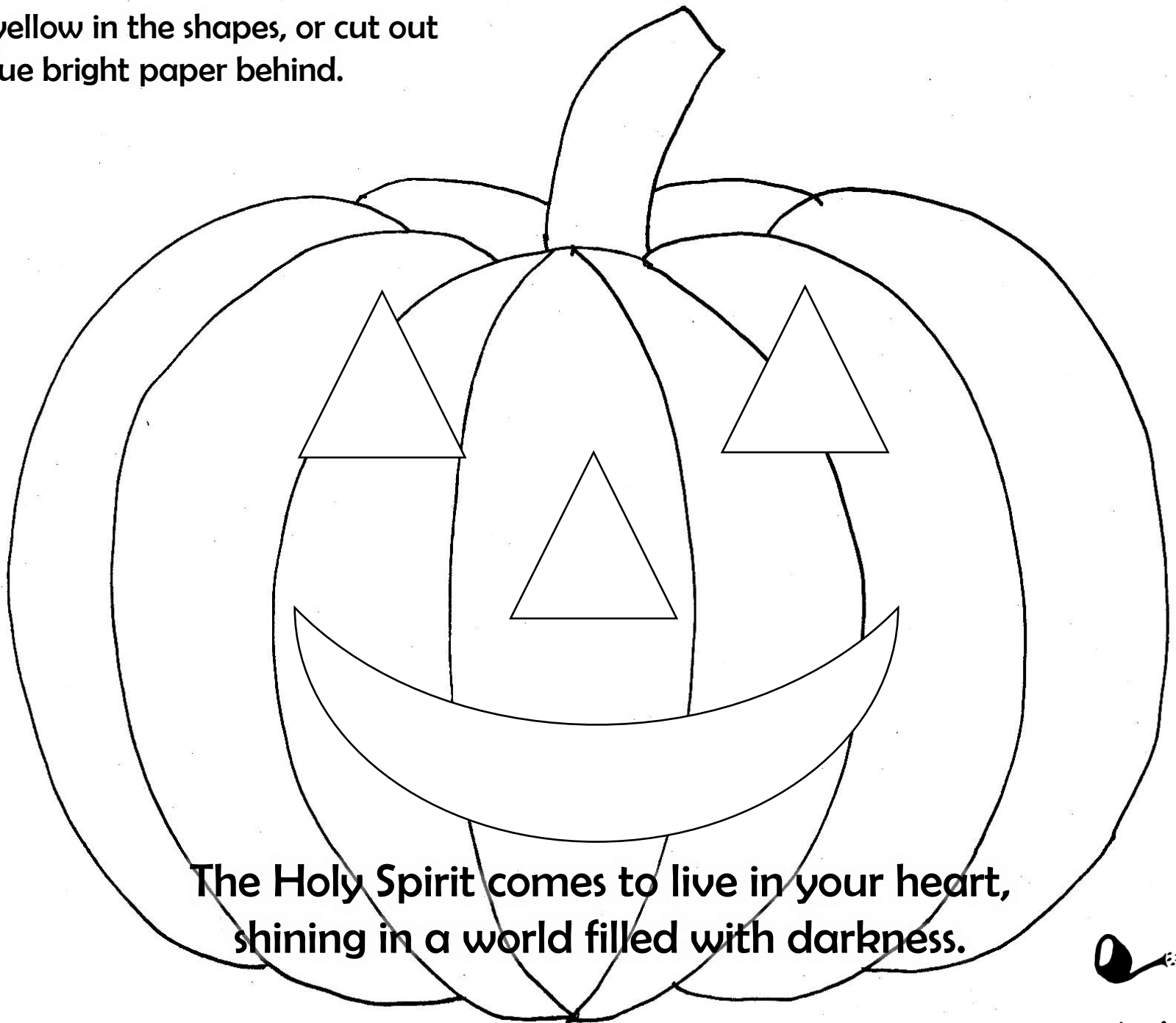
**When you confess your sins to God, He  
cleans out your heart, scraping away  
the seeds of sin and the icky, gross slime  
that used to fill you up.**




**God puts a smile on your face.**



**Color yellow in the shapes, or cut out  
and glue bright paper behind.**



**The Holy Spirit comes to live in your heart,  
shining in a world filled with darkness.**



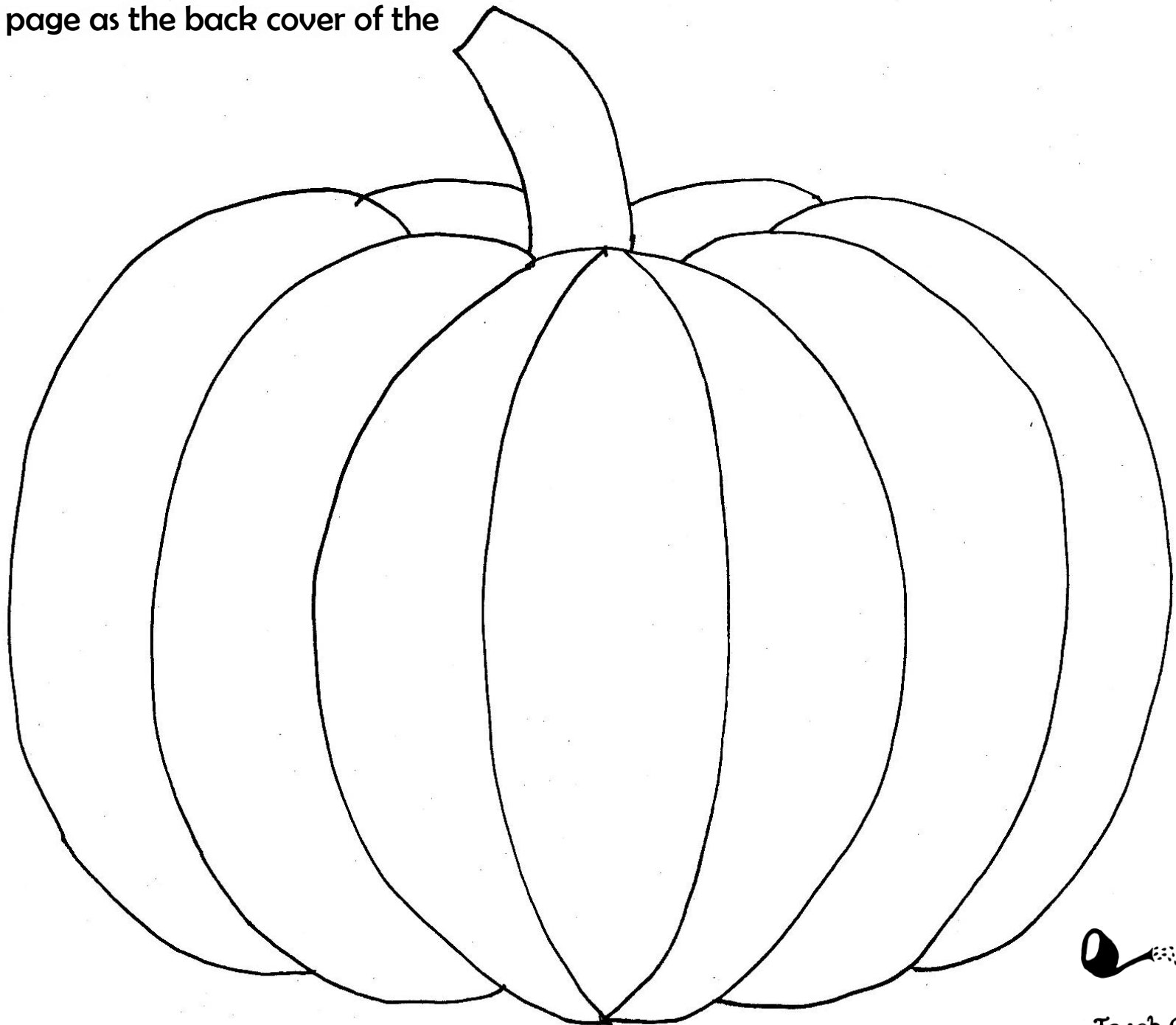
**Make your light shine, so that others  
will see the good that you do and will  
praise your Father in heaven.**

**Matthew 5:16**

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Use this page as the back cover of the book.

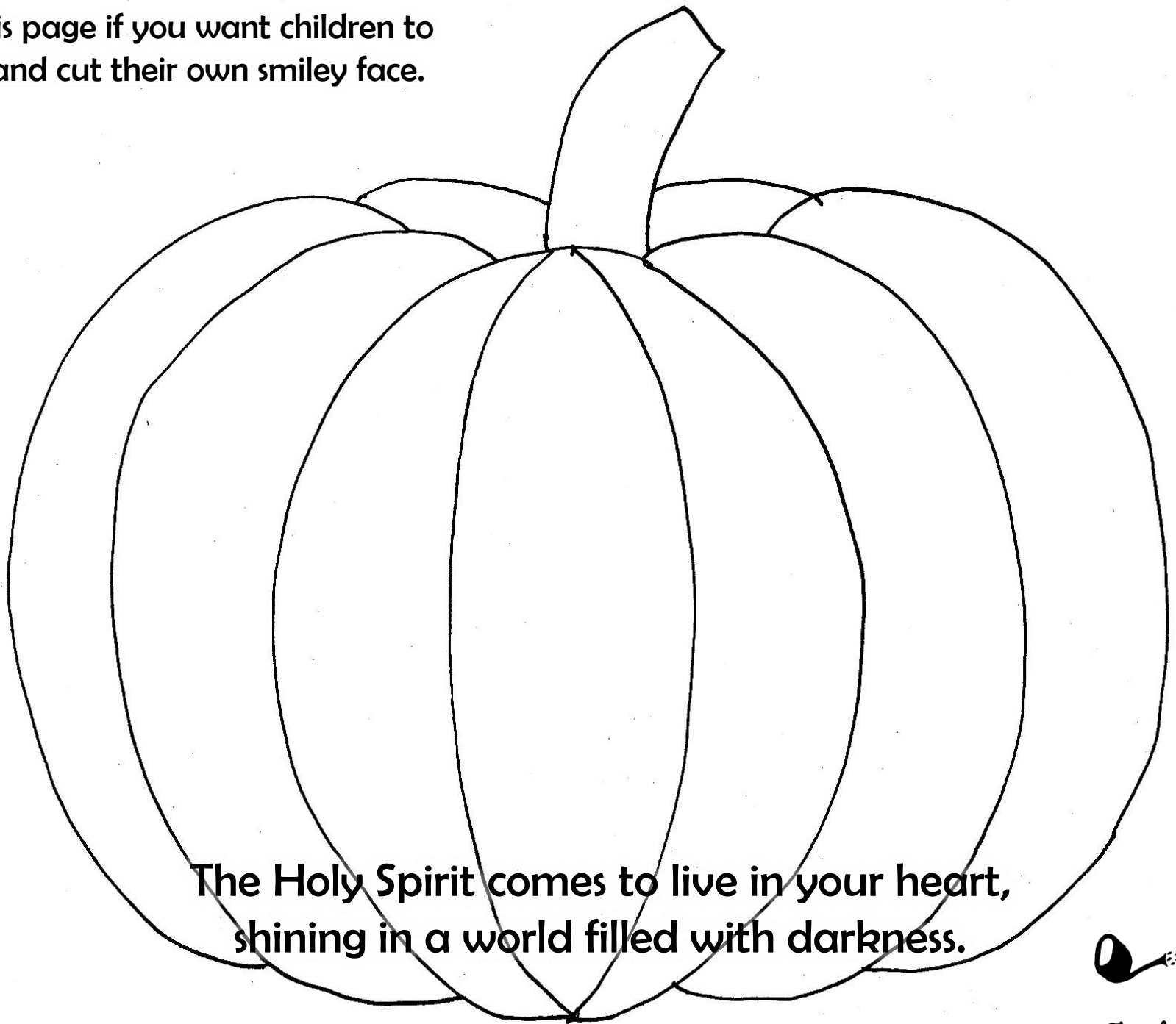


Use this page if you want children to draw their own smiley face.



**God puts a smile on your face.**

Use this page if you want children to draw and cut their own smiley face.



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