

Ø<Bf The Teal Pumpkins on Maple Street

FOR CHILDREN

1 What made Theo worried about trick-or-treating?

Theo was worried that some Halloween candy might contain peanuts or other ingredients that were not safe for his serious food allergy. He also worried that he might have to miss out while everyone else had fun.

2 What did Ava and Malik do when Theo explained his allergy?

Ava and Malik listened carefully to Theo. They did not tell him to take a chance with unsafe food. Instead, they helped think of ways to make Halloween safe and fun for everyone.

3 What did a teal pumpkin tell the children?

A teal pumpkin told the children that nonfood treasures were available, such as stickers, crayons, bookmarks, glow bracelets, temporary tattoos, and notepads.

4 Why did Mom read every label, even when Theo recognized the package?

Mom knew that ingredients and packaging can sometimes change. She checked every label to make sure the treat still matched Theo's allergy plan.

5 What activities at the block party did not involve food?

The children enjoyed pumpkin bowling, a costume parade, a spiderweb maze, and a moonlit monster dance.

6 How did the neighbors make Halloween welcoming without making Theo feel different?

The neighbors offered nonfood treasures along with candy and made the choices available to all children. Theo could participate with his friends instead of being separated from them.

7 What could your family, classroom, church, or neighborhood do to include children with food allergies?

We could offer separate nonfood treats, keep food and nonfood items in different containers, check labels carefully, ask families about allergy needs, plan activities that do not involve food, and make safe choices available to everyone.

8 What do you think the words "Every child deserves a choice" mean?

It means every child should have an option that allows them to participate safely. No child should have to miss the fun because of a food allergy or another special need.
