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## REVERSE TRICK OR TREAT: A GREAT WAY TO SHARE THE GREAT HOPE



Want to have a great time this Halloween? Then try “Reverse Trick-or-Treating!”

What is Reverse Trick-or-Treating? “It’s giving instead of just receiving,” says Gina Wahlen, personal ministries coordinator at the Triadelphia Seventh-day Adventist Church in Clarksville,

Maryland.

During the past four years, church members have gone door to door in their own neighborhoods on Oct. 31, giving out packets containing helpful spiritual materials, such as GLOW tracts, along with some candy.

“This year, we decided that Reverse Trick-or-Treating would be the perfect opportunity to share *The Great Hope* with our friends and neighbors,” says Wahlen.

“We are also adding an introductory postcard, explaining how many people have found answers to

their most pressing questions by reading this book and inviting people to contact us if they would like more information.” In addition to the postcard and book, the packets contain a small card from the Hope Channel along with some candy.

The church’s Pathfinder club will also be involved this year, going door-to-door handing out packets in the neighborhoods surrounding the church.

“I think it’s a good idea,” says Michael Iseminger, 12. “They [people] know that normal trick-or-treating is just about candy, but if you give them something . . . it has a bigger effect.”

“On Halloween, we have found people to be much more open,” says Wahlen. Adults and children are walking along the streets, and many doors are open, as they are expecting people to visit them.”

### TRICK OR TREAT? What does your future hold?

Ever wonder what the future holds? Most people do. That’s why we wanted to share this small book with you. Many people have found answers to their deepest, most pressing questions in the pages of this book. We hope you will find it as helpful as we have.

If you’d like to discuss what you’ve read in this book, or you’d like information on living a healthy lifestyle or other topics, we’re here for you. Feel free to give us a call, visit our website, or come by.

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Wahlen remembers one woman who was so touched to receive a packet that tears welled up in her eyes

as she asked, "For me? No one has ever given me anything on Halloween. Thank you."

### HOW TO "REVERSE" Trick or Treat:

1. Determine how many packets you will need (HINT: It is usually double what you anticipate, because they go very quickly).

2. Gather materials for the packets:

- *The Great Hope* (available at your local Adventist Book Center or online at <http://www.sharethegreathope.com/>)
- Introductory postcard (made by you or someone in your church)
- Small business cards from the Hope Channel (available in packs of 100)
- Some small candy (if desired)
- Small manila envelopes or clear plastic bags for materials



3. Have an "assembling party" at your church or in a home to prepare packets. Have a prayer, asking God to bless the people who will receive the packets, as well as those sharing them.

4. On Halloween, have fun! Pair up with someone and take turns at the homes in your neighborhood saying, "Hi! This is for you!" (or something else that you are comfortable saying) while smiling and handing out the packets.

5. Afterwards, if desired, get together at your church (or home) and share fellowship with other "Reverse Trick-or-Treaters" over hot drinks.

Interviewed by The Great Controversy Team

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