
The Legend of Stingy Jack

According to Irish folklore, the Jack O' Lantern is named for a stingy guy named Jack who tried to trick people on two different occasions on All Hallow's Eve.



Jack was always looking for an easy way to make an extra dollar and he often played pranks. Needless to say, people were not amused and soon no one wanted to spend time with Jack.

Jack promised to improve his behavior but was never really successful at doing so.

So, until this day, they say that Jack wanders the streets with a coal in a turnip to light his way.

When the Pilgrims first arrived in the New World, they started using pumpkins in place of turnips on Halloween.