



Why trick or treating?

Nowadays, children say “Trick or treat!” on Halloween, but they might not know the origin of this expression. In the past, the Celts celebrated All Saints’ Day praying for the souls of dead people. In order to pray for rich people’s dead relatives, the poor would ask for cake – “the cake of the soul,” as it was called. However, if they didn’t receive the cake, they could curse those dead people; therefore, the family would always give them the cake. Centuries later, children started to use this expression on Halloween, but...just for fun!

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