The Little Old Lady Who was not Afraid of Anything
by Linda Williams

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Five Little Pumpkins
Five little pumpkins sitting on a gate.
The first one said, "Oh, my it's getting late."
The second one said, "There are witches in the air."
The third one said, "But we don't care."
The fourth one said, "Let's run and run and run."
The fifth one said, "We're ready for some fun."
Then "Ooh" went the wind and out went the lights,
And the five little pumpkins rolled out of sight.

Grown-up tip
This seasonal rhyme is fun for your child to learn and share with others. Rhymes like this one are powerful influencers in preschool development. Speech development gained from nursery rhymes has shown to significantly improve reading, spelling and other literacy skills.
In the rhyme we count to five and then we switch to ordinal numbers; first, second, third! There is also space for creativity, as each pumpkin has a personality.
Have your child act out each pumpkin's reaction in the rhyme as a way to share holiday traditions.

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Pumpkin
by Jackie Lee

Take a look at this!