

# TOP TEN TRICKS

## Preparing a Child with Autism for Halloween

- 1 Highlight Halloween on a visual calendar.
- 2 Use photos & talk through seasonal changes.
- 3 Take care. Internet searches are unpredictable.
- 4 Encourage communication - prepare PECs.
- 5 Choose your battles. It's meant to be fun.
- 6 Model using face paints & washing them off.
- 7 Do not model fear. The child will copy.
- 8 Dispel fear of dark through fun torch hunts.
- 9 Explain through social stories™ & role play.
- 10 Pave an empathic 'trick or treat' route.

