

Princess Truly Picks A Pumpkin

READ ALOUD GUIDE

Themes: Adventure, Halloween

Book Brief: Join favorite character Princess Truly and her dog, Sir Noodles, on a trip to the pumpkin patch! Princess Truly wants to find a *marvelous* pumpkin that is extra special. But all the pumpkins in the patch are ordinary, orange and round! With a shake of her magical, sparkling curls, Princess Truly creates a pumpkin that is just-right: a RAINBOW pumpkin!

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BEFORE READING

The Cover: Have students make predictions about the story based on the cover.

The Pictures: Take a brief picture walk and ask students what they notice about Truly.

Prior Knowledge: Ask students, "Have you ever picked a pumpkin before? What are some things you look for?" (Optional: Think, Pair, Share)

Vocabulary: Frontload Tier 2 words using the accompanying [Vocabulary Guide](#).

Purpose for Reading: "As we read today, listen for how Truly picks a pumpkin."

DURING READING

Check for understanding & make connections:

- Why do you think Truly want a truly special pumpkin?
- What do you think Truly will find when she finds the purple vine?
- Can you explain what happened when she found the purple vine.

AFTER READING

Our Purpose: Truly found a magical pumpkin when she added water to the vine. Describe how Truly's pumpkin is right for her.

Extending Our Thinking: Truly found a magical pumpkin that's rainbow. Using [RIF's Create a Character](#), create your own perfect pumpkin and explain how you would pick it.

If your students enjoyed this book...

- Encourage them to continue to discuss it and refer to it in other lessons and conversations.
- Let them explore more about the topic by reading other books with similar themes, structure, characters, or content.