

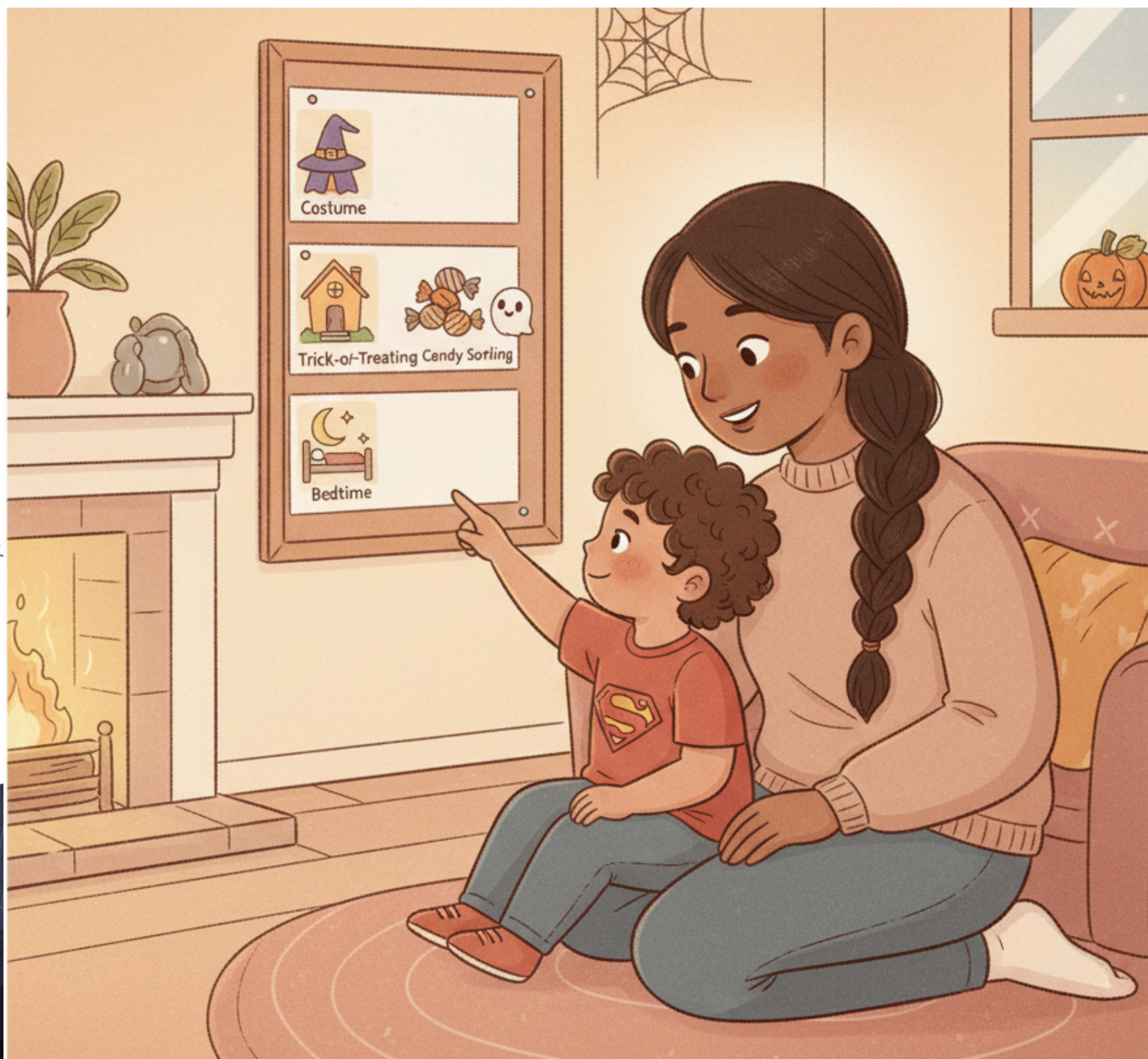


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Tips and Tricks for Parents when taking kids out for trick-or- treating



Preparation: Create a visual schedule outlining the evening's activities, like "Costume, Go Outside, Knock on Doors, Get Candy."
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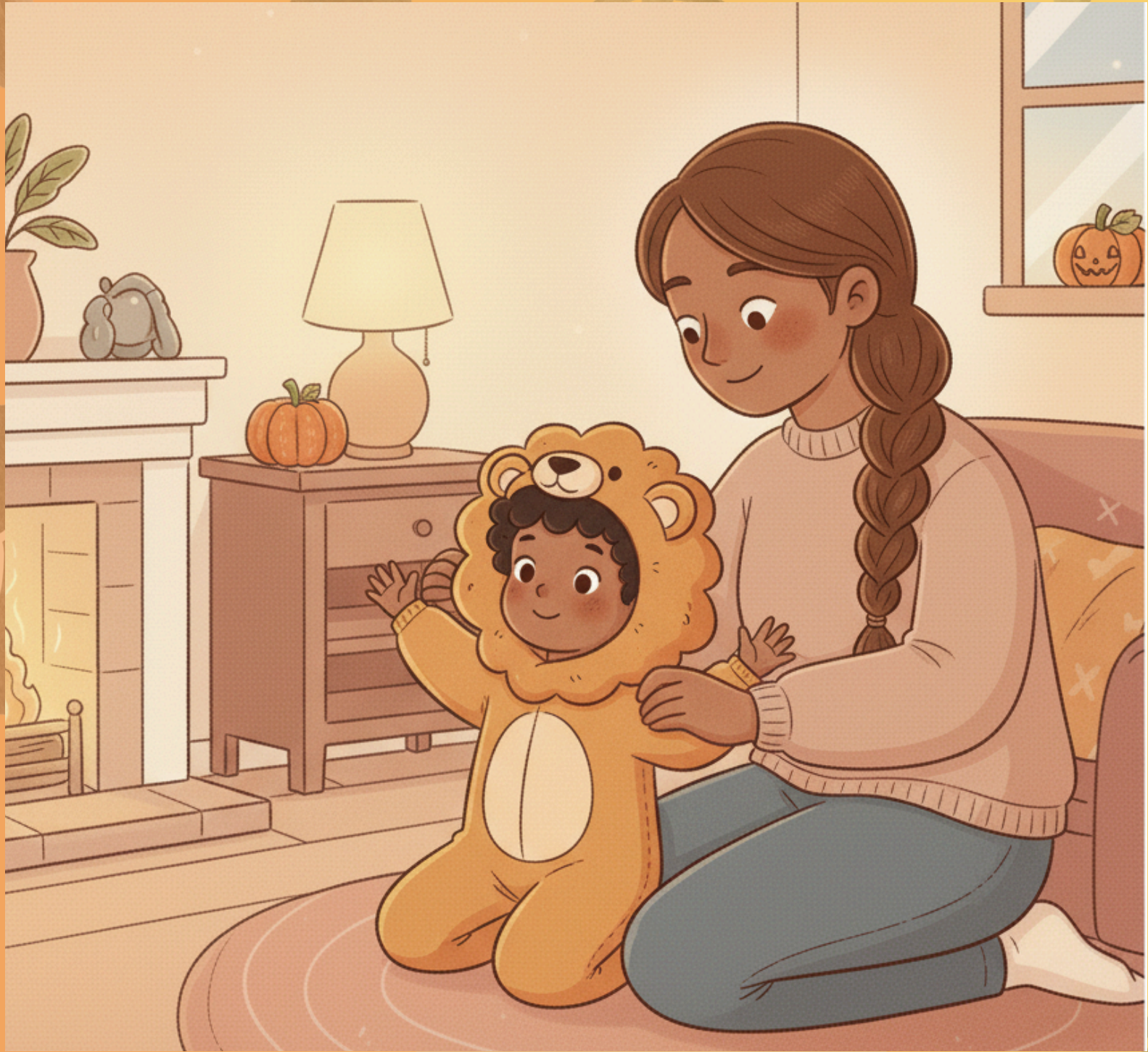




Visual Supports: Use a social story that illustrates the trick-or-treat process, showing pictures of kids in costumes, knocking on doors, and receiving candy.



Sensory Considerations: Select a costume made of soft materials with no loud accessories,



and choose a quiet neighborhood with fewer bright decorations.

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Practice: Organize a mock trick-or-treat session at home, where the child can practice knocking on a door and saying "trick or treat."





★ **Social Interactions:** Role-play with the child, taking turns practicing how to greet a neighbor or thank them after receiving candy.



Comfort Zone: Choose a nearby neighborhood that the child is familiar with, maybe where friends live or places they visit often.



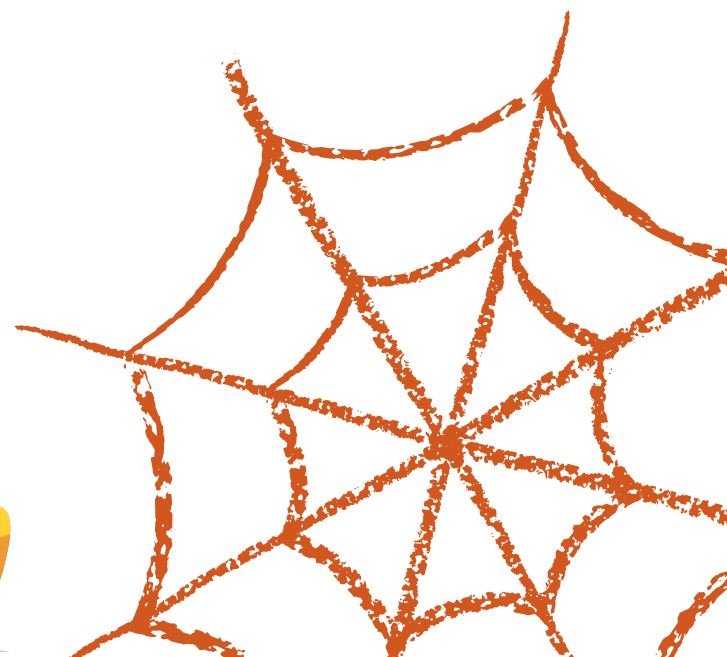
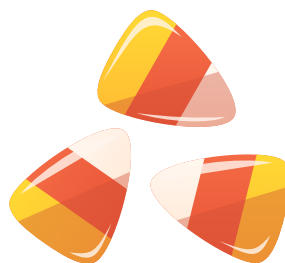


Timing: Go out early in the evening when it's still light and fewer families are out, avoiding the busiest hours.





Rewards: Set up a reward for successfully saying "thank you" at every house, like a small prize or extra playtime later.



Flexibility: If the child feels overwhelmed, have a plan to take breaks—like stepping away in a quiet area or heading home early if needed.



Communication: Before heading out, explain changes in plans, like deciding to visit only a few houses rather than the whole neighborhood, to keep the child informed and secure.





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