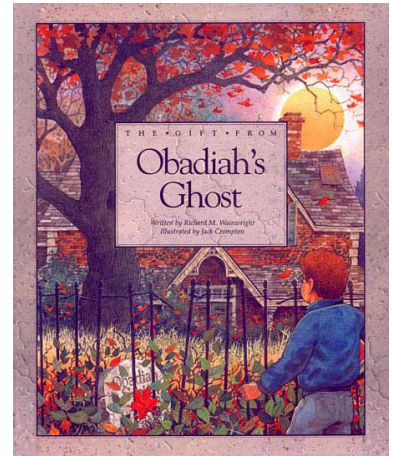


# The Gift from Obadiah's Ghost

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## Synopsis

The Gift from Obadiah's Ghost is a story of overcoming fears. Tommy, the young hero, is so paralyzed by his fear of the dark that not only must he sleep with a night light on, but he also cannot even bring himself to go trick or treating on Halloween. His fear is handled with great sympathy and understanding by his parents, but it is a friendly 18th century ghost who cleverly and magically helps Tommy put aside his fears. This is also a story that highlights courage in the face of one's fears.

## Discussion Questions

1. Like Tommy, have you ever had any fears that prevented you from participating with others or in events?
2. What did Obadiah mean when he said, "Remember there are things in the daylight as well as the dark that human beings cannot see"?
3. Obadiah told Tommy, "With courage thou canst be stronger than thy fear." What did Obadiah mean?
4. Do you think that doing what you believe in — even if you are afraid, is a sign of true courage?
5. Have you shared your fears with someone you trust? How were you able to overcome those fears?
6. What happened that Tommy no longer needed Obadiah's glasses?
7. Can you remember being afraid of the dark? Why do you think so many young people have this fear, and how do we overcome it?

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