## Peter, Peter Pumpkin Eater

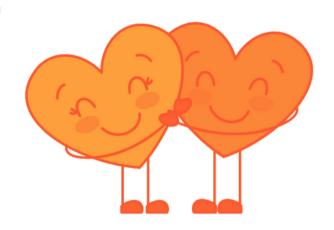
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Treated her [him] with kind respect,

And in the morning hugged

her [his] neck.



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## **Preparation and Instructions:**

Stand or kneel facing the child.

"Peter, Peter, Pumpkin Eater,"
With delight on your face and at eye level with the child, say this line.

"Had a friend he loved to greet."
Reach out and shake the child's hand

"Treated her [him] with kind

respect,"

Gently put your left arm on the child's right shoulder and demonstrate a kind touch

"And in the morning hugged her [his] neck."
Move from this position to a gentle hug.