

The Dead Man's Brains

This Halloween game for kids is modified from various versions passed down throughout the years. It's been played in some form one way or another. Have players sit in a circle in a darkened room and describe the remains of a rotting corpse. Use the story adapted from *Scary Stories to Tell in the Dark*, by Alvin Schwartz.:

"Once in this town there lived a man named Brown. It was years ago, on this night, that he was murdered out of spite. We have here his remains. First lets feel his brains", (A wet, squishy, peeled tomato that you can grab at any local Farmers Market, as it is a good time for it).

"Now here are his eyes, still frozen with surprise."

Two peeled grapes

"This is his nose"

Pass around a chicken bone to make this a scary kids game really creepy

Here is an ear

A dried apricot

"And here is his hand, rotting flesh and bone"

A rubber kitchen glove filled with mud or ice

"But his hair still grows"

Pass around some yarn

"And his blood still flows. Dip your fingers in it. It's nice and warm"

A warm bowl of ketchup, thinned with water

"That's all there is except for these worms"

A handful of cold, wet spaghetti