

## The Ghost's Dinner

Henry has invited his friends to a dinner party. *(flannel of white ghosts at table and white Henry)*

**“Would you like some juice before dinner?” Henry asks his friends.**

**“Yes” they both answer at the same time.** *(place tray with juice & glasses in Henry's hand)*

**“I hope that you like grape juice, it's always been my favorite.”** *(Put tray on table, stand Henry at the head of the table)*

**The ghosts all drink up.** *(replace white Henry with purple, cover white ghosts with purple)*

**Jack really enjoys the grape juice. “It's not bad – in fact, it's delicious!” he says.** *(point to ghost on left)*

**Morris says “And look at us! We're so colorful!”** *(point to ghost on right)*

**“Isn't it fun?” says Henry. “Now I can serve dinner.”** *(put tray with soup tureen in Henry's hand)*

**“First we'll have pumpkin soup – be careful it's hot!”** *(put tray on table, put Henry at his place at table, pause, then replace purple ghosts with orange)*

**Henry serves the soup in special pumpkin bowls. His guests love the soup. Morris even has seconds.**

**Then they have some delicious Swiss cheese.** *(Overlay orange ghosts with holey cheeseey ghosts)*

**Just look at them now!**

**“Who wants hot chocolate?” Henry asks his guests.** *(Henry holds tray of mugs)*

**Everyone enjoys a cup.** *(remove orange and cheese ghosts, replace with brown, Henry too)*

**OH! Look at them now!**

**“This is delicious – but now look at us!” Jack comments.**

**Morris worries “Mom won't recognize me! What shall we do?”**

**Henry doesn't like to see his guests upset. What will he do? He dashes out to the kitchen...** *(turn brown Henry over to leave the scene)*

**“I know, “ says Henry...** *(he returns with tray of milk and glasses)*

**“Let's drink some milk...” and they do.** *(Peel off chocolate friends to show the ghosts white again, switch to white Henry)*

**It's the perfect end to the ghost's dinner.**

*(In the original book, they also have salad and turn green with rough edges, and eat salmon and turn light pink. You can make these extra pieces if you wish, invent your own foods for them to eat, like pepperoni pizza, or just ask the children to predict what the ghosts would look like if they ate certain foods. This could lead to your tie-in craft if you offer one)*

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