

## SCENE OUTLINE

### OLD MOTHER WITCH

1. Introduction of the main characters in the film: David Martinez, age 10, and his friends Scottie, Mary Ellen, and Eric--the so-called neighborhood "wild bunch." They have a brief but noisy confrontation with their neighborhood rivals, the bullies Eddie Malone and Don MacDonald. This disturbs David's next door neighbor, Mrs. Oliver, an old widow who hates the loud noises and disturbances the children frequently cause. She asks them to keep down the racket.
2. David and his friends complain to David's father about Mrs. Oliver's constant nagging. Then they decide to play football.
3. During a spirited football game the ball is accidentally thrown into Mrs. Oliver's yard, almost breaking her window. She decides to keep the football to punish them.
4. David and his parents discuss the need to empathize with the old woman. She is alone and in poor health. David's parents suggest that he go over and apologize to her.
5. Mrs. Oliver explains her difficulties with the neighborhood children to a friend.
6. David, acting on his parents' suggestion, nervously approaches Mrs. Oliver's house. He rings the doorbell.
7. At first, Mrs. Oliver does not hear the bell. When she finally does she hesitates to answer it.
8. By the time she reaches the door and opens it, David has already left in disgust.
9. It's Halloween night, and groups of kids in costumes are trick or treating in the neighborhood. A newly cut jack-o-lantern glows on David's front porch.
10. David and Scottie meet at David's house to plan their evening's trick or treating and to compare costumes.
11. On the sidewalk outside of David's house, David and Scottie discuss the "old witch," Mrs. Oliver. David draws a picture of an old witch on the sidewalk with chalk and adds an arrow pointing toward Mrs. Oliver's front door.
12. The two boys go to the Bridwell's house. The Bridwell's take Halloween seriously, dressing in scary costumes and trying to frighten the would-be trick or treaters. As they are taking candy from a bowl, the boys are given a good scare by Mrs. Bridwell.