



TWILIGHT SPARKLE
AND SPIKE
THE DRAGON

JUST FOR PARENTS!

EPISODE 1

"MARE IN THE MOON"

SYNOPSIS

PRINCESS CELESTIA sends TWILIGHT SPARKLE to Ponyville to make friends and to help with the preparations for the Summer Sun Festival. But Twilight Sparkle has other plans. She believes an ancient prophecy is about to come true, a prophecy which says that wicked Nightmare Moon will plunge Equestria into eternal night – unless Twilight Sparkle can unite the Elements of Harmony and stop her!

FRIENDSHIP MESSAGE

Making new friends is fun; even though it can be scary at first.

CO-VIEWING TIPS



PRINCESS CELESTIA

Watching "My Little Pony Friendship is Magic" is something you and your child can enjoy together. These tips can inspire discussion and help your little one understand some central themes in the show.

1. TWILIGHT SPARKLE tells SPIKE THE DRAGON about a prophecy that says wicked Nightmare Moon will plunge Equestria into eternal night. Explain to your child that a prophecy is something that people (or ponies) believe will happen. It's often a story or legend that has been told and retold, handed down from parents to children.
2. TWILIGHT SPARKLE and SPIKE THE DRAGON talk about the Summer Sun Celebration, which will be held on the longest day of the year. We call this day the Summer Solstice, or the first day of summer. The sun stays out longer than on any other day of the year, which means it's also the shortest night of the year.
3. PRINCESS CELESTIA sends TWILIGHT SPARKLE to Ponyville to make friends. Ask your child if she enjoys making friends. What are some ways that she makes friends? What does it mean to be a good friend?
4. At one point in the episode, Nightmare Moon appears and PRINCESS CELESTIA is gone. Does this frighten your little one? What are some other things that frighten her? Let her know that she can always go to her friends (and you!) when she is feeling scared.



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"My Little Pony Friendship is Magic" inspires learning long after an episode ends. Here are some fun ways to reinforce the central themes of "Friendship is Magic, Part 1: Mare In the Moon" throughout the day.

Invite friends over to have a Summer Sun Celebration. It doesn't even have to be summertime. You and your little one can serve fun treats (APPLEJACK would suggest apples, of course!). Supply instruments (pots and pans count!) or a favorite CD. Ask your friends to bring their own treats and instruments! Decorate with pony pictures, balloons, streamers, and anything else that makes your home feel sunny (check out PINKIE PIE's Party Planner for ideas). As far as the weather is concerned, provide craft supplies for your guests to create rainbows, suns, and other weather-inspired pictures. Voila! You have your very own Summer Sun Celebration!

BEDTIME



Perhaps the idea of a wicked mare in the moon is a little scary for your child. Before you tuck her in one night, look at the moon together. Ask her what she sees. The story of NIGHTMARE MOON is really a story about the power and magic of friendship. Perhaps you can share a story about the moon that you were told as a child (we recall something about green cheese...).

ON THE WAY TO SCHOOL



No one believes TWILIGHT SPARKLE when she says that NIGHTMARE MOON is about to return to EQUESTRIA -- not even PRINCESS CELESTIA. Has your child ever felt unheard? Explain that sometimes people are so busy with their own lives that they have trouble hearing someone else. Take a moment when you have nothing else on your plate and give your little one the chance to tell you what's on her mind. Connecting in this way is a great way to reinforce one of the ways to be a good friend.

FAMILY TIME



Create your own family prophecies by sharing what each of you thinks the future holds. Expressing your hopes for your family and child shows how much faith you have in everyone. It's also a wonderful way to show your child that the first step in making something happen is believing that it will happen!



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