

The Sparkle Box

INTRODUCING A NEW, HEARTWARMING CHRISTMAS TRADITION

Today, we read the picture book *The Sparkle Box* written by Jill Hardie and illustrated by Christine Kornacki. In the book, a young boy named Sam discovers a new Christmas tradition: giving a gift to Jesus on Christmas day, His birthday!

What is The Sparkle Box?

The box your child is bringing home today is called a Sparkle Box. Your child has been encouraged to help the needy with a special gift given in honor of Jesus.

What do we put in The Sparkle Box?

Jesus wants us to love and take care of each other so any gift that helps someone in need is the perfect gift to give Jesus on his Birthday! Warm blankets, food for the hungry, and water filters are examples of gifts you can purchase in honor of Jesus. Write your gifts down and place them in The Sparkle Box.

"...Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." — Matthew 25:40 (NIV)

Who can participate in The Sparkle Box tradition?

The entire family can get involved in this new Christ-centered tradition! On Christmas morning, before opening any other presents, open up your Sparkle Box for Jesus and read the gifts you've given in honor of His birthday! Feel free to share this idea with anyone in your life. People of all ages, with and without children, enjoy this meaningful tradition!

For information on The Sparkle Box tradition, free printable activities, gift ideas and more, please visit www.TheSparkleBox.com.