

The Sparkle Box

HOW TO MAKE THE SPARKLE BOX TRADITION MEANINGFUL FOR YOUR CHILD

Encourage them to contribute their own money toward Jesus' gift.

Some children like the feeling of buying a gift "all by themselves." Help them think of ways they can earn extra money and help them find things they can afford to buy. Like Sam in the book, *The Sparkle Box*, they can purchase a pair of mittens.

Discuss the different kinds of needs there are in the world.

NetworkforGood.org is a great resource to explore together with your child. It lists over one million charities registered in the United States. It's always a good idea to review information before sharing it with your child to make sure it's age-appropriate.

Explore issues or concerns that touch your child's heart.

Does your child have a heart for animals? God loves His creatures and there are many charities that help take care of them. Is your child an avid recycler? Look for charities that protect the Earth God made.

Most children can relate to issues surrounding basic needs like food, clothing and shelter. If your child hasn't shown empathy for a specific cause, charities that support basic needs are a great place to start.

Empower children with the message Jesus taught us: We can make a difference.

As you discuss ideas with your child, reinforce the beautiful message that Jesus shared – we are the light of the world. We are meant to shine His love through the things we do for each other.

Free printables available at www.TheSparkleBox.com

The Sparkle Box Chore Chart

Encourage your child to earn money to buy a gift for Jesus with a chore chart.

The Sparkle Jar Craft Instructions Make saving money for Jesus' gift fun with this simple craft that's customizable for all ages.

I want to Sparkle! Coloring Page

A special place to illustrate how you want to shine like Jesus.