

The Sparkle Egg

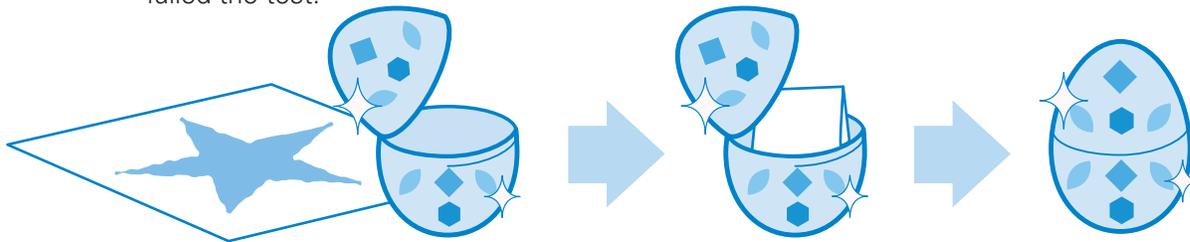
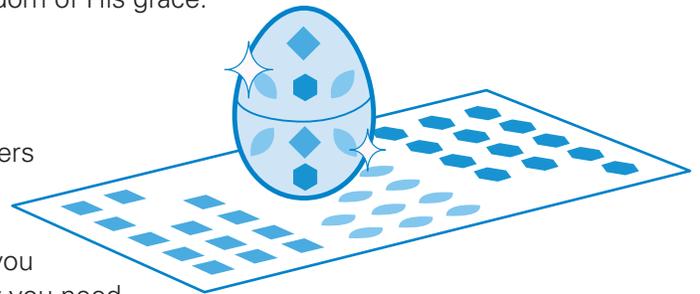
How to Make a Sparkle Egg

In the picture book, *The Sparkle Egg*, written by Jill Hardie and illustrated by Christine Kornacki, a boy named Sam discovers the mystery of The Sparkle Egg and how it symbolizes the marvelous promise of Easter: the gift of complete forgiveness that is ours through Jesus Christ.

Like Sam, you can make your own Sparkle Egg to remind you that God doesn't want you to live in unhealthy guilt or shame. He wants you to live in the freedom of His grace.

Directions

1. Decorate a plastic, hinged Easter egg with sparkly stickers or glitter.
2. Draw a symbol of something you're holding on to that you feel ashamed about and put it in your Sparkle Egg. Only you need to know what your simple drawing means. In the book, *The Sparkle Egg*, Sam drew a picture of a star because he lied to his parents and told them he got a gold star on a spelling test when he had really failed the test.



3. On Easter morning, remove the paper and reflect on the gift that you have been given: the gift of complete forgiveness through Jesus Christ. Like the tomb on Easter morning, The Sparkle Egg is empty. When you accept the gift of Jesus' forgiveness, you are free to live in God's grace. You don't have to worry about the mistakes you've made in the past, or even mistakes you'll make in the future. Feel the joy that comes from knowing that when God looks at you, He sees a child he adores, not the things you've done wrong.



4. Place your Sparkle Egg somewhere in your home where you will see it every day to remind you that you are free in Christ.
5. Live in the light of God's beautiful grace—and share His light and forgiveness with others.