



GRIFFON THE BRUSH-OFF

EPISODE 5

TWILIGHT SPARKLE & SPIKE THE DRAGON



FRIENDSHIP MESSAGE

When you are true to yourself, you will find your truest friends.

IN THIS EPISODE...

RAINBOW DASH has an old friend, Gilda the Griffon, who comes to town and is mean to everypony. PINKIE PIE tries to win her over with kindness. Will it work? Or will the ponies lose RAINBOW DASH to Gilda?



PRINCESS CELESTIA

CO-VIEWING TIPS

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. In the beginning of "Griffon the Brush-off," PINKIE PIE goes to outrageous lengths to get the attention of RAINBOW DASH ... while RAINBOW DASH desperately tries to avoid her. Does your child have a sibling or friend who doesn't always want to play with her? How does it make your little one feel? Explain that even if her sibling/friend doesn't always feel like playing with her, it doesn't mean he/she doesn't love her or want to be her friend.
2. Later in the episode, PINKIE PIE stops RAINBOW DASH before she can pull a prank on FLUTTERSHEY, because she thinks that FLUTTERSHEY might end up with hurt feelings. Has anyone ever played a prank on your child? How did it make her feel? Is she a little prankster? Discuss your feelings and any rules you have about playing pranks.
3. In the middle of the episode, PINKIE PIE is in town and sees Gilda steal an apple from APPLEJACK. Take the time to discuss your feelings about stealing. Do you think PINKIE PIE should have told APPLEJACK what she saw?
4. Toward the end of the episode, Gilda makes FLUTTERSHEY cry in front of everyone. Has this ever happened to your child? How did it make her feel? Point out that the friends of FLUTTERSHEY that help her feel better. When someone makes you feel sad, it's good to turn to family and friends to help you feel better.
5. At the end of the episode, PINKIE PIE throws Gilda a party in hopes that it will change her attitude. It doesn't work, and Gilda expects RAINBOW DASH to leave the party with her. RAINBOW DASH decides to stay with her pony friends. Has your child ever had to choose between friends? Ask your child if she or he thinks RAINBOW DASH made the right decision by choosing her nice and fun friends over the mean one.



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ON A PLAYDATE

MY LITTLE PONY: FRIENDSHIP IS MAGIC inspires learning long after an episode ends. Here are some fun ways to reinforce the central themes of "Grifon the Brush-off" throughout the day.

In the beginning of the episode, RAINBOW DASH tries to outrun PINKIE PIE. Let this inspire a game of pony tag in which your child and her friends take turns being PINKIE PIE and RAINBOW DASH. The last person to call out "not it," is the first person to play PINKIE PIE. The person she tags then becomes PINKIE PIE, and so on. This is best played outdoors with lots of clear space. Set up clear boundaries so kids don't run off too far. Optional: Create "safe spots," where kids can't be tagged.

ON THE WAY TO SCHOOL

The things RAINBOW DASH loves about her friends -- they're fun, kind, loyal, honest and true -- are things your child might love about her own friends. Ask her what it is about her friends she loves most. Tell her the qualities you value most in a friend.

AT THE DINNER TABLE

Ask your child if she's ever been the object of a prank or the target of a bully. Share your own experiences if you have them. And reaffirm that she should always tell you or the nearest grownup if she ever feels bullied.

AT THE LIBRARY OR ONLINE

Griffons (also spelled "griffins") are majestic mythical animals. Visit your local library or search the Internet for more fascinating facts about them.



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