



# BRIDLE GOSSIP

## EPISODE 9

TWILIGHT SPARKLE & SPIKE THE DRAGON



### FRIENDSHIP MESSAGE

Look past how someone appears on the outside and see who they are on the inside.

## IN THIS EPISODE...

The ponies go on a daring adventure to confront a mysterious zebra named Zecora whom they think has put a curse on them.



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## 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. At the beginning of "Bridle Gossip," a mysterious zebra named Zecora comes to PONYVILLE, and everypony is frightened. Ask your child why she thinks they are frightened? Is it because they don't know Zecora? Is it because she looks different? Discuss how the ponies feel, and how their behavior might make Zecora feel.
2. Later in the episode, Apple Bloom, wants to be treated like a big pony, but APPLEJACK still won't let her go see Zecora alone. Ask your child if she ever feels like Applebloom. Are there "big kid" things she would like to do? Maybe you two can think of something new that would be safe for her to try.
3. Toward the middle of "Bridle Gossip," TWILIGHT SPARKLE has a nightmare about Zecora. Does your little one ever have bad dreams? Ask her to tell you about them. Reassure her that bad dreams can't hurt her, and that everyone has them once in awhile. Point out that if she tells someone about a bad dream, chances are it won't seem so scary anymore.
4. At the end of "Bridle Gossip," the ponies go to Zecora's house and learn there is a simple explanation for everything they were afraid of. The ponies realize Zecora is actually a very nice zebra, and they stop being afraid of her. In fact, she becomes their brand new friend! Explain to your child that we should always look beyond the way someone looks -- and ignore gossip and rumors -- to see who someone really is.



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### Online

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<http://www.hubworld.com/my-little-pony/shows/friendship-is-magic>

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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 "Bridle Gossip"  
throughout the day.

## AROUND THE TABLE



Most of us have a story about "first impressions" that wasn't very accurate. Take a moment to talk about a time you judged someone (or someone judged you) too quickly; and how great it was to really get to know that person. Ask your child if she has had any similar experiences, and applaud her ability to move past first impressions to see how a person is on the inside.

## AT A PARTY



Here's a fun way to show kids that you can't judge a book (or a gift!) by its cover. At your next party, decorate the children's gift bags/boxes with silly and irrelevant things (cover a box in math worksheets, glue candy wrappers to a bag, etc.). Then, as you had out the gift bags, ask each child what he thinks might be inside. It's likely he will not guess that the bags are filled with fun party favors ... a great lesson in not judging what's inside by what it looks like outside.

## AT THE LIBRARY OR ONLINE



The ponies discover that Zecora is a zebra from a faraway land. There is so much to learn about zebras. For instance, did you know that no two zebras have the same pattern of stripes? The stripes are like fingerprints on a person. Visit your library or browse the Internet to find out more about these fascinating animals.

## ANYTIME



Apple Bloom wants to be treated like a big pony. Does your child want to be treated like a big kid? Find fun ways to help your little one feel more independent. Give her age-appropriate chores. Let her control the schedule for one full day. Encourage her to try something new (and safe!) at the playground. Chances are, the prouder and more confident she becomes, the bigger she'll feel!



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