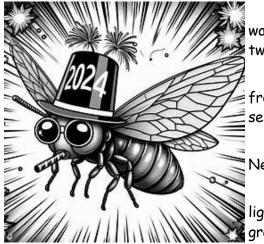
Spark the Firefly

Once upon a time, in a lush, green forest, there lived a tiny firefly named Spark. Spark was a curious little creature with a glowing light that flickered brightly on warm summer nights. He loved to dance around the trees, spreading light and joy wherever he went.

As the end of the year approached, Spark noticed that all the animals in the forest were bustling about, preparing for a special celebration called New Year's Eve. Excited about the festivities, Spark decided he wanted to join in too.



However, Spark faced a problem. He was worried that his light wasn't grand enough for such a big celebration. He gazed up at the twinkling stars and wished he could shine as brightly as they did.

Determined to make his light brighter, Spark sought advice from wise old Owl, known for his knowledge of the forest's secrets.

"Dear Owl," Spark chirped, "I want to shine brighter for the New Year's celebration. Can you help me?"

Owl blinked his big, wise eyes and replied, "Dear Spark, your light is unique and beautiful just the way it is. It may not be as grand as the stars, but it brings its own special magic to the forest."

But Spark was still unsure. He fluttered around seeking advice from others—a radiant butterfly, a shimmering dragonfly, and even a majestic stag. Each one told Spark the same thing: "Your light is special just as it is. Don't compare it to others."

As the evening of New Year's Eve approached, Spark felt a bit disheartened. But then, he noticed something incredible. All around the forest, the animals had gathered, each bringing their own unique talents and gifts to the celebration.

The wise Owl hooted a tune, the butterfly painted the sky with bright colors, the dragonfly performed graceful dances in the air, and the stag shared stories of wisdom and courage. Each creature contributed something special that made the night unforgettable.

Suddenly, Spark realized the most important lesson of all. He didn't need a brighter light or a different talent to be a part of the celebration. His unique glow added its own charm to the festivities.

With newfound confidence, Spark soared into the night sky, his light flickering with joy. As the clock struck midnight, the entire forest erupted in cheers, laughter, and wishes for the New Year.

From that day on, Spark understood that his light, though small, held its own magic. He danced with joy, lighting up the forest and hearts of all the creatures around him, spreading happiness wherever he went.

And so, every New Year's Eve, as the forest celebrated, Spark's light shone brightly, a reminder that being yourself is the most wondrous gift of all.

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| Spark the Fire-Aly |
| 1. What problem did spark have in the story? |
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| 2. What advice does Owl give to Spark? |
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| 3. What do the other creatures in the forest tell Spark when he asks for advice about making his light brighter? |
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| 4. What happens as the clock strikes midnight on New Year's Eve? |
| a) The forest becomes quiet and still |
| b) The animals go to sleep |
| c) The forest erupts in cheers, laughter, and wishes for the New Year |
| d) Spark's light goes out |
| 5. What lesson did Spark learn from the celebration? |
| a. To hide his light from others |
| b. To compare his light with others |
| c. To be courageous and wise like the stag |
| d. To be himself and embrace his uniqueness |
| 6. What does Spark's light symbolize in the story? |
| a) The need to change oneself to be accepted |
| b) The importance of being yourself |
| c) The desire to hide one's uniqueness |
| d) The competition to shine brighter than others |
| 7. How is Spark personified in this story? |

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