

SPOTLIGHT ON ECK FAMILIES



Sri Harold Answers!

SHARING DREAMS



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Q: I encourage my child to share his dreams and experiences with me, if he wants to, because I want to help him understand the spiritual side of his life.

However, lately I wonder if I should ask him to be silent about his experiences and establish inner discipline.

—Wondering

A: Dear Wondering,

Talk with him, if he wants to talk. This sets a pattern for him to rely on the inner dreams and remember them.

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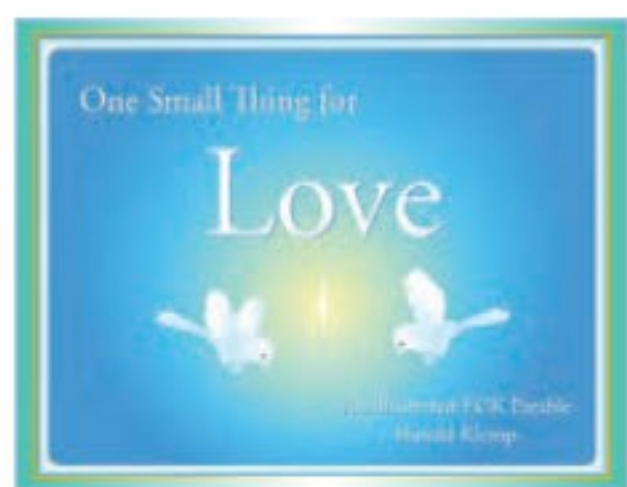
CELEBRATING THE ECK SPIRITUAL NEW YEAR IN THE FAMILY

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My daughter's nursery school sent us a blank calendar and asked us to write in family celebrations that were important to us. They wanted to celebrate them with our daughter at school. We included the ECK Spiritual New Year on October 22.

In late September, the owner of the nursery asked me how the ECK Spiritual New Year is celebrated. I told her every year has a theme and that the upcoming one was The Year of Thanksgiving. She'd already visited the ECKANKAR website and tried to buy a book to read to the class, but it would not have arrived in time. I was so happy with her effort and promised to get her a suitable ECK storybook.

A friend gave me *One Small Thing for Love: An Illustrated ECK Parable*. Another mentioned the activity sheets from the *ECK Parable & Activity Kit for Youth*. I contacted our Youth and Family Program director, who showed me where to download and print them. Then I gave the



book and some of the coloring sheets to the nursery.

On October 22, they told all the kids it was our daughter's

religious celebration. They read the ECK parable to them, and the children were given the activity sheets to color. To our surprise, they also made a New Year's card for our family.

The nursery then posted a lovely message and a picture of our daughter, Abiye, on their Facebook page, along with the card for our family.



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The post said, "Today one of our children is celebrating ECKANKAR. This is their spiritual New Year and is a celebration of love. The children listened to the story *One Small Thing for Love* and then colored in pictures for someone they love."

It was such a special experience for us and our daughter to share the ECK in this way!

Human love is an aspect of divine love. To learn divine love, we must first learn to give love to others here on earth—our family, our mate, our children. This is how we express love.

—Sri Harold Klemp,
The Drumbeat of Time, p. 144

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