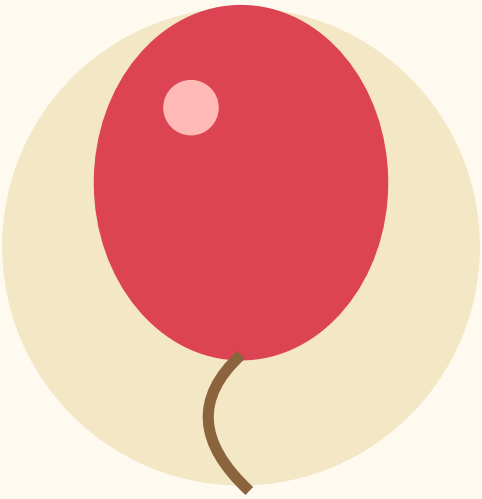
LITTLE JOYS

JOY PIE STUDIO | AGES 2–4

COLORS · PLAY TOGETHER

A little red hunt



Point to the red balloon. Can we find something red nearby?

Little moments of play. Growing connections.

COLORS · FOR THE GROWN-UP

A little red hunt

FOLLOW THEIR LEAD

Point to the balloon together, then take turns finding a red match. Saying the color is optional; pointing counts, too.

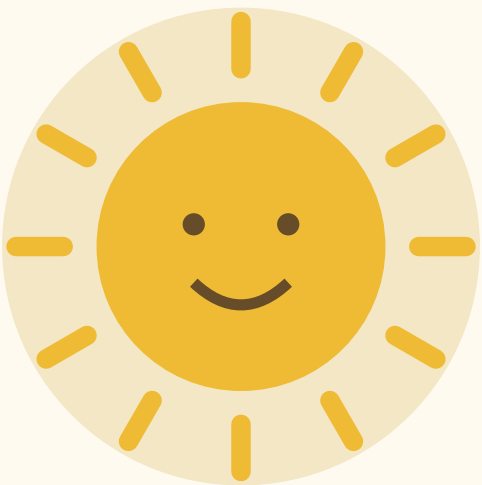
ANOTHER LITTLE MOMENT

Choose the next color together.

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COLORS · PLAY TOGETHER

Hello, yellow!



This sun is yellow. What else can we spot that is yellow?

COLORS · FOR THE GROWN-UP

Hello, yellow!

FOLLOW THEIR LEAD

Name one yellow thing you can see. Pause and follow your child's gaze or gesture. A pretend yellow thing is welcome, too.

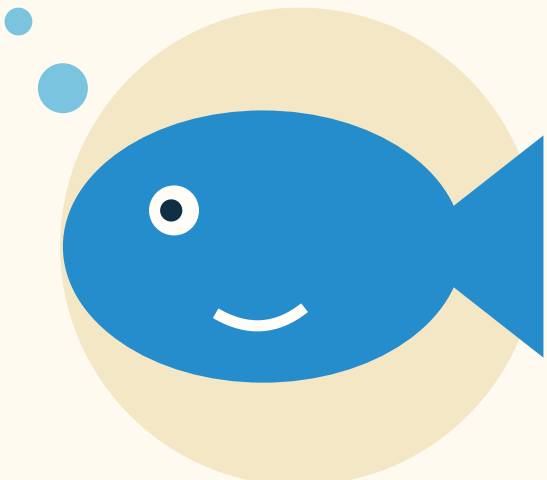
ANOTHER LITTLE MOMENT

Make up a silly name for your sunshine.

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COLORS · PLAY TOGETHER

Blue fish, hello!



Wave to the blue fish. Can your hands pretend to swim?

COLORS · FOR THE GROWN-UP

Blue fish, hello!

FOLLOW THEIR LEAD

Name the color and copy each other's swimming hands. If your child wants to look for blue things instead, follow that idea.

ANOTHER LITTLE MOMENT

Let your child lead the fish's next move.

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COLORS · PLAY TOGETHER

A green little leaf



Point to the green leaf. Can we find something else that is green?

COLORS · FOR THE GROWN-UP

A green little leaf

FOLLOW THEIR LEAD

Look at the picture, then find a green match together. Describe what you notice without needing a right answer.

ANOTHER LITTLE MOMENT

Pretend your fingers are leaves in the breeze.

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LETTERS · PLAY TOGETHER

My special letter

ME

What letter starts your name?
Let's draw it in the air together.

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LETTERS · FOR THE GROWN-UP

My special letter

FOLLOW THEIR LEAD

Say your child's name and name its first letter. Show its shape with your finger. Invite a look, a gesture, or a turn; copying is optional.

ANOTHER LITTLE MOMENT

Try the first letter of your name, too.

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LETTERS · PLAY TOGETHER

A is for apple

Aa

Here is A. Say apple with me. Can we pretend to pick an apple?

LETTERS · FOR THE GROWN-UP

A is for apple

FOLLOW THEIR LEAD

Point to the big A and small a. Say the short a sound at the start of apple, then pretend to pick an apple together.

ANOTHER LITTLE MOMENT

Pretend the apple is tiny, then enormous.

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LETTERS · PLAY TOGETHER

B is for bear

Bb

Here is B. Say bear with me. How would a sleepy bear wave?

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LETTERS · FOR THE GROWN-UP

B is for bear

FOLLOW THEIR LEAD

Point to B and b. Say the b sound at the start of bear. Wave like bears together, then let your child invent a bear voice.

ANOTHER LITTLE MOMENT

Give your pretend bear a name.

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LETTERS · PLAY TOGETHER

S is for sun

Ss

Here is S. Say sun with me. Can your finger draw a curvy S?

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LETTERS · FOR THE GROWN-UP

S is for sun

FOLLOW THEIR LEAD

Point to S and s. Stretch the s sound in sun. Trace a curve on your own palm and invite your child to try if interested.

ANOTHER LITTLE MOMENT

Make a pretend sun with your hands.

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NUMBERS · PLAY TOGETHER

One special thing



Point to one dot. Can you choose one favorite toy to show me?

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NUMBERS · FOR THE GROWN-UP

One special thing

FOLLOW THEIR LEAD

Touch the dot and count one. Invite your child to choose one large, child-safe toy. Talk about what makes it special.

ANOTHER LITTLE MOMENT

Take a turn showing one favorite thing.

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NUMBERS · PLAY TOGETHER

Two gentle claps



Let's count two claps together.
One... two!

NUMBERS · FOR THE GROWN-UP

Two gentle claps

FOLLOW THEIR LEAD

Point to each dot as you count. Clap slowly together, or tap your own knees. Try again only if your child wants another turn.

ANOTHER LITTLE MOMENT

Let your child choose loud or quiet claps.

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NUMBERS · PLAY TOGETHER

Three teddy pats



Can we give teddy three gentle pats? Count with me!

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NUMBERS · FOR THE GROWN-UP

Three teddy pats

FOLLOW THEIR LEAD

Count the dots, then pat a soft toy three times. Touch once for each number. Help count without correcting the fun out of it.

ANOTHER LITTLE MOMENT

Let teddy give three pretend waves back.

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NUMBERS · PLAY TOGETHER

Four little waves



Wave hello four times. One, two, three, four!

NUMBERS · FOR THE GROWN-UP

Four little waves

FOLLOW THEIR LEAD

Point to the four dots first. Wave slowly and count together. Use fewer waves if that is more enjoyable today.

ANOTHER LITTLE MOMENT

Choose who gets your next pretend hello.

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LITTLE JOYS

JOY PIE STUDIO | AGES 2–4

FEELINGS · PLAY TOGETHER

What makes you smile?



This face looks happy. What makes you smile? You can show me, too.

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FEELINGS · FOR THE GROWN-UP

What makes you smile?

FOLLOW THEIR LEAD

Share one little thing that makes you happy. Welcome your child's words, gestures, or story. They do not need to feel happy right now.

ANOTHER LITTLE MOMENT

Make a happy face together if you both want to.

FEELINGS · PLAY TOGETHER

A little comfort



This face looks sad. What might help our pretend friend?

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FEELINGS · FOR THE GROWN-UP

A little comfort

FOLLOW THEIR LEAD

Offer simple ideas: company, a quiet spot, or a favorite soft toy. Ask before offering touch and let your child choose what feels comforting.

ANOTHER LITTLE MOMENT

It is okay for a sad feeling to take its time.

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FEELINGS · PLAY TOGETHER

A quiet little moment



Rest your hands. Can we take one gentle breath together?

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FEELINGS · FOR THE GROWN-UP

A quiet little moment

FOLLOW THEIR LEAD

Model an easy breath without asking for deep or held breathing. Your child can watch, join, or choose a quiet movement instead.

ANOTHER LITTLE MOMENT

Notice one soft or peaceful thing nearby.

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FEELINGS · PLAY TOGETHER

Grumpy is a feeling, too



Our pretend friend feels grumpy.
What could we say to help?

FEELINGS · FOR THE GROWN-UP

Grumpy is a feeling, too

FOLLOW THEIR LEAD

Try: 'I am here. Would you like company or a little space?' Name the feeling kindly. You do not need to make it disappear.

ANOTHER LITTLE MOMENT

Let your child answer for the pretend friend.

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MOVEMENT · PLAY TOGETHER

Big and tiny



Try two giant steps, then three tiny steps. Or make your fingers do the walking!

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MOVEMENT · FOR THE GROWN-UP

Big and tiny

FOLLOW THEIR LEAD

Clear a little space and join in. Seated finger steps work just as well. Let your child decide what giant and tiny look like.

ANOTHER LITTLE MOMENT

Let your child invent the next kind of step.

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MOVEMENT · PLAY TOGETHER

Grow like a tree



Can your hands grow up like branches, then curl down like little leaves?

MOVEMENT · FOR THE GROWN-UP

Grow like a tree

FOLLOW THEIR LEAD

Stretch gently within a comfortable reach, sitting or standing. Copy each other's tree shapes without asking for a perfect pose.

ANOTHER LITTLE MOMENT

What would your tree do in a soft breeze?

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MOVEMENT · PLAY TOGETHER

Wiggle, then pause



Wiggle your fingers with me. Now pause like a little statue!

MOVEMENT · FOR THE GROWN-UP

Wiggle, then pause

FOLLOW THEIR LEAD

Take turns leading a short wiggle and pause. Your child can use any comfortable movement or make a toy do the wiggling.

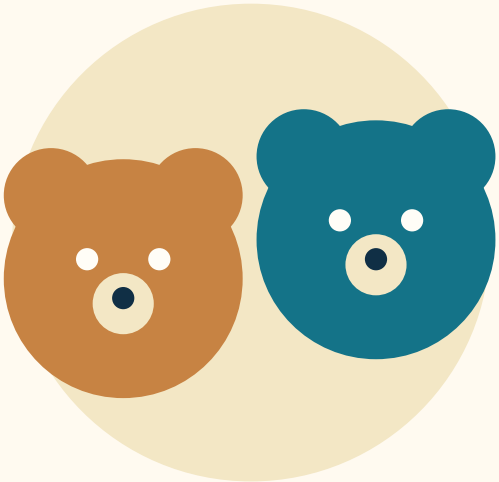
ANOTHER LITTLE MOMENT

Try a slow wiggle, then a silly one.

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MOVEMENT · PLAY TOGETHER

Copy my wave



I'll wave one hand. Can you copy me? Now it is your turn to lead!

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MOVEMENT · FOR THE GROWN-UP

Copy my wave

FOLLOW THEIR LEAD

Choose small, easy movements. Let your child lead and copy their idea. Looking toward you is optional; keep it playful.

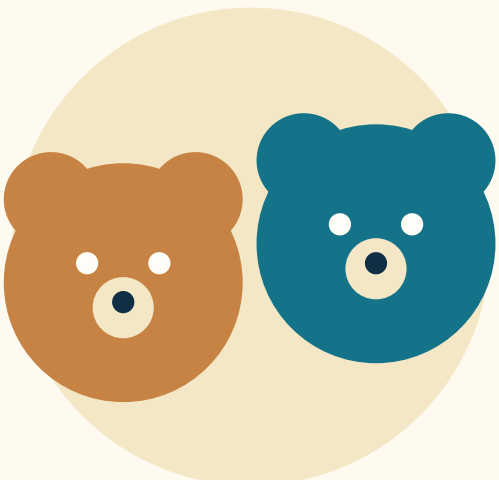
ANOTHER LITTLE MOMENT

Try a finger wiggle or a shoulder shrug.

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CONNECTION · PLAY TOGETHER

A toy has a story



Choose a toy. What does it love to do? Let's pretend together.

CONNECTION · FOR THE GROWN-UP

A toy has a story

FOLLOW THEIR LEAD

Follow your child's story instead of steering it. Ask one simple question, then leave room for their answer or action.

ANOTHER LITTLE MOMENT

Your toy can have a turn in the story, too.

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CONNECTION · PLAY TOGETHER

Your turn, my turn



I'll make a funny sound. Then you can make one for me!

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CONNECTION · FOR THE GROWN-UP

Your turn, my turn

FOLLOW THEIR LEAD

Try a gentle animal sound, hum, or clap. Pause for your child to choose a sound or gesture. Waiting and watching count as joining.

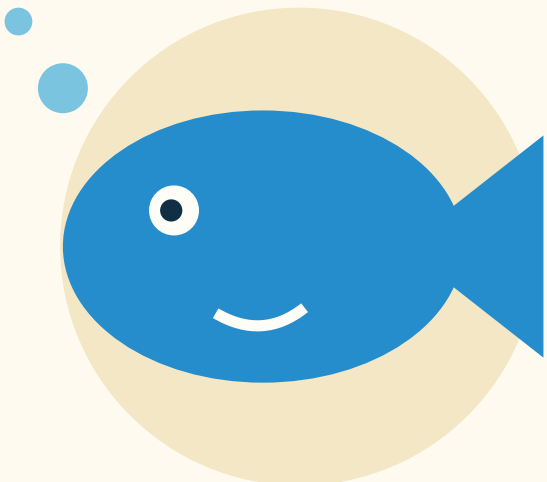
ANOTHER LITTLE MOMENT

Copy your child's sound before adding another.

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CONNECTION · PLAY TOGETHER

You get to choose



Shall our pretend adventure visit the ocean or a garden? Show me your choice!

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CONNECTION · FOR THE GROWN-UP

You get to choose

FOLLOW THEIR LEAD

Offer two playful choices, using words or gestures. Accept a different idea, too. Build a tiny story together from your child's choice.

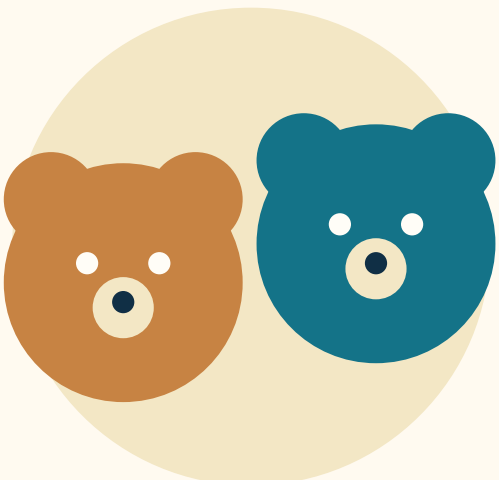
ANOTHER LITTLE MOMENT

Ask what you might see there together.

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CONNECTION · PLAY TOGETHER

Our special hello



Let's invent a hello that is just ours. A wave, a smile, or a silly word?

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CONNECTION · FOR THE GROWN-UP

Our special hello

FOLLOW THEIR LEAD

Let your child choose a comfortable greeting. A wave or word is enough; touch is always optional. Try the hello again later if they enjoy it.

ANOTHER LITTLE MOMENT

Give your special hello a funny name.

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