Sample Scripts

When a child refuses:
- "Let me help you get started."
- "You don't have to finish, but let's try one part together."

When a child elopes or hides:
- "I want to keep you safe. Let's go back together."
- "I'll walk with you."

When a child is yelling:
- (Lower your voice) "I hear you're upset. I'm listening."
- "Let's use our inside voice so others can feel calm."
- "You can tell me with words or take a break in the cozy corner."

When a child is throwing items:
- "Let's keep our classroom/home safe. Things stay on the table."
- "You can squeeze a fidget or use your hands to draw instead."
- "If you're upset, you can throw a soft pillow in the safe space."

When a child is hitting or being unsafe:
- "Hands are for helping, not hurting."
- "I won't let you hurt me or anyone else. Let's sit together to calm down."
- "You can show me what's wrong with words or pictures, not your hands."

Positive reinforcement phrases:
- "Thank you for using kind words."
- "I noticed you stayed with the group—great job!"
- "That was a safe choice—you took a break instead of yelling."
- "You used your words instead of your hands. I'm proud of you."

During transitions:
- "First clean up, then snack."
- "Let's be a team and get ready together."