

Shared Vision

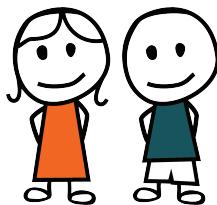


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4. Make sure to create the Shared Vision together. Allow the child to drive the conversation but offer guidance.

5. Before an activity, **review the Shared Vision**. During the activity, compliment children when they exhibit the **MORE behaviors**. Offer quiet reminders about the **LESS behaviors**.

6. Talk with your child about how it went after the activity.
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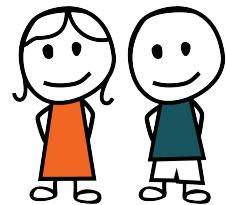


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