



Lesson Time

Your child is learning how to tell when something happens by accident. An accident is when we do something we didn't mean to do.

When something happens by accident, your child can:

- Say, "It was an accident. I didn't mean to _____. Are you okay?"
- Do something to help

Understanding that sometimes things happen by accident helps your child get along with others.

Play Time

Play a pretend game with your child to practice responding to accidents.

Say: **We're going to play a pretend game. We'll take turns pretending something happened by accident. Pretend I spilled milk on your drawing. Model what to say: It was an accident. I didn't mean to. Say how you'll help: I'll wipe it up.**

Take turns using other pretend accidents. Say:

- **You accidentally tore a page out of my book.**
- **I accidentally dropped your toy and it broke.**
- **You accidentally got mud on the floor with your dirty shoes.**

Story Time



This week's story is about Adam and Miles. Adam accidentally runs into Miles's bike. Ask your child about this story.

- **What do you see in this photo?**
- **How do you think Miles feels about being run into?** (Mad, surprised, sad.)
- **Did Adam mean to run into Miles?** (No. It was an accident.)
- **How do you think Adam feels?** (Sorry, surprised, sad.)

Let's take turns practicing what Adam can say to Miles. (It was an accident. I didn't mean to run into you. Are you okay?)