

Supporting Families

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My Imaginary Safe place



close your eyes, take some deep breaths and imagine you are there



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Help your child build a clear picture of their safe place. What does it feel like there? What can they see, hear, smell and touch? Ask them to give their safe place a name. They could do a drawing or some craft to make a picture of it. When moments of tension or anxiety come up you can suggest that your child thinks about their safe place. Use the name they chose and let them know it's always there.

You can help your child engage with this activity by creating a safe place of your own. It's useful for us all to find moments of quiet and calm. Try doing the activity alongside your child. It will help them see that everyone needs to find ways to look after themselves.



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