



# 21 WAYS TO FOSTER A CONNECTION WITH A CHILD

1. Ask questions.
2. Give warm greetings and good-byes.
3. Laugh together.
4. Play.
5. Listen.
6. Validate feelings.
7. Encourage effort.
8. Give affection.
9. Share in activities.
10. Provide support.
11. Remember what a child tells you.
12. Let the child take the lead.
13. Encourage friendships.
14. Share personal stories.
15. Create special handshakes.
16. Listen to a child's favorite music.
17. Incorporate child's interest.
18. Get on the floor.
19. Give classroom jobs.
20. Maintain eye contact.
21. Call home for GOOD behavior.



# 50 WAYS TO ENCOURAGE A CHILD

1. (Thumbs up)
2. You're on the right track now.
3. You've worked so hard on that.
4. I heard you say how you feel, that's great.
5. Oh, that turned out very well.
6. That's coming along nicely.
7. I'm proud of the way you worked today.
8. You've just about got it.
9. That's the best you've ever done.
10. You stayed so calm during that problem.
11. That's it!
12. Now you've figured it out!
13. That's quite an improvement.
14. I knew you could do it.
15. Congratulations!
16. I love hearing your words.
17. What a super star you are.
18. You solved the problem!
19. Keep working on it, you're almost there!
20. Now you have it!
21. Your brain must be working hard, you figured that out quickly.
22. I'll bet you are proud of yourself.
23. One more time and you'll have it.
24. Great idea!
25. You're amazing!
26. Terrific teamwork!
27. Nothing can stop you now.
28. You have such creative ideas.
29. That's the way to do it.
30. Sensational!
31. You must have been practicing.
32. You handled that so well.
33. I like how you think.
34. Good remembering.
35. You know just what to do!
36. You are really persisting with this.
37. You expressed yourself so well.
38. You did it!
39. I knew you two could figure it out together.
40. Excellent job saying how you feel.
41. I know it's hard, but you are almost there.
42. Fantastic problem solving!
43. I love hearing your ideas.
44. I know that was hard for you, but you stayed so calm.
45. Yes!
46. Look at how you helped each other!
47. You finished faster because you worked together.
48. You kept trying!
49. Excellent try.
50. You are a creative thinker.





## FILL UP A CHILD'S "PIGGY BANK" EVERY DAY!

### Directions:

Print out this worksheet and fill in the coins with ideas for how you will actively build relationships with children by making deposits in their "piggy bank." Consider posting it in a visible spot in the classroom or bring it to a planning meeting and let each staff member fill in a coin. It may be used for whole-class deposits or for ideas that would appeal to individual children. It would also make a nice activity to send home to families to help them visualize the idea of making deposits in their child's "piggy bank" at home.

