FamilyRhythm

Words to Use

Use words that fit the actual job and the child. A short, specific response is enough.

Moment	Words to use
Teaching	“I’ll show you, then you can try.”
Getting stuck	“Which part is difficult?”
Offering help	“Do you want a hint, a demonstration, or time to try?”
Unfinished work	“This part still needs cleaning. Do you know how to do it?”
Adult omission	“I didn’t show you that part. Let me show you now.”
Payment	“This is the amount we agreed on.”
A purchase	“If you spend this here, what will have to wait?”
A real choice	“Both of these work for me. Which would you like?”
A problem	“Tell me what happened.”
Regret	“Let’s see what options are left.”
A missed day	“We missed it today. What got in the way?”
The next attempt	“Let’s keep what worked and change this part.”

A phrase that sounds natural in our home