

## Manages behavior in a group setting without causing disruptions



**Activity:** Encourage your baby to play in a group setting, but stay where he can see you. As they move around the room or playground, move with them so they can keep you in sight. Wave and smile to show them they are doing a great job.

**Why:** When your baby knows that you are there and will help them, they are more willing to explore, meet new people, and try new things. When a baby doesn't have that support, they may struggle to be around new people or away from you at all.

**Activity:** Talk about upcoming changes in activity as they approach, "we're going to leave the park and go home for lunch in ten minutes." Act as a countdown, reminding baby of the change more frequently as the time gets closer.

**Why:** Letting baby know a change is coming helps them prepare themselves to end their fun and move to the next activity. Ending the fun abruptly may surprise them and make them unhappy.

