

SHARING SPACE (IS BEING SOCIAL) WITH A VISITING 4 YEAR OLD

Robbie _____ is coming to visit at your house today. It is good to have a 'sharing space' plan for when _____ is at your house. Your mom wants _____ mom to visit. Visiting with _____ will make your mom feel happy. Mom will be talking to and looking at _____ for _____ minutes. Mom is thinking about _____. Mom does not want to be thinking about, talking to, or playing with Robbie right now.

When you do not share space in a social thinking way with _____, Mom feels frustrated because she has to think about fixing your social thinking, sharing space with _____ problem.

When _____ leaves mom will spend _____ minutes looking at, talking to and thinking about you! Mom is always loving you:)

SO let's make a SHARING SPACE PLAN for when _____ is visiting.

1) Before _____ comes I pick out the toys I do not want _____ to touch. I can pick out _____ of my favorite toys or books. I will put them away where _____ can not see them. I will not tell _____ that I put these special toys away.

2) I will put out in the _____ room the toys _____ can play with. When _____ touches these toys it is okay with me. I do not

get upset. He will not take any of my toys home with him.

3) When _____ comes to the door, I will look at him and say hello to him and his mom.

4) Then I need to:

Take _____ minutes to be by myself and read. I feel very _____ when _____ comes to visit.

5) After reading I will feel calm and then I need to play with _____ for _____ minutes. This is being friendly to _____ and he and his mom will think good thoughts about me. Playing with _____ will also grow the social part of my brain so it is good for me too!

6) Then the kids can watch a video! Yea!

7) _____ gets ready to go home.

8) I tell _____ and his mom “Goodbye! It was nice to meet you.”

9) Mom plays with, looks at, talks to and thinks just about Robbie for _____ minutes. Mom feels proud of me and I feel proud too. Maybe I feel a little _____ too!