

# Building Bridges for Kids

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White River Branch, Topic: Words Matter

	INSTEAD OF...	TRY
	Be quiet.	Can you use a softer voice?
	What a mess!	It looks like you had fun! How can we clean up?
	Do you need help?	I'm here to help if you need me.
	I explained how to do this yesterday.	Maybe I can show you another way.
	Do I need to separate you?	Could you use a break?
	Stop crying.	It's okay to cry.
	Do you have any questions?	What questions do you have?
	You're OK.	How are you feeling?
	It's not that hard.	You can do hard things.
	We don't talk like that.	Please use kind words. <b>WE ARE TEACHERS</b>

Source: <https://bit.ly/37L47g4>

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## Additional Resources

- A Visual Activity to Help Kids Understand the Power of Their Words. <https://bit.ly/3uAJyf3>
- Your Words Matter. <https://bit.ly/366gkvc>
- Life Kit: Parenting. <https://n.pr/3KCd21X>
- Words Matter: Teaching Preschoolers Through our Words. <https://bit.ly/37CYGQ9>

## Books

- Social Justice Parenting: How To Raise Compassionate, Anti-Racist, Justice-Minded Kids in an Unjust World by Traci Baxley 649.1 BAX
- How to Raise a Global Citizen: For Parents of the Children Who Will Save the World. By Anna Davidson 649.1 DAV
- The Art of Talking With Children: The Simple Keys to Nurturing Kindness, Creativity, and Confidence in Kids by Rebecca Givens Rolland. 155.4138 ROL
- Chrysanthemum by Kevin Henkes. J Picture HEN
- The Kindness Book by Todd Parr. J Picture PAR
- Drawn Together by Minh Le. J Picture LE
- My Mouth is a Volcano by Julia Cook. J Picture COO

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