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First boy is mad he gave up toy. Other boy is working to put toy together



First boy gives up, other boy is figuring it out



How's that!

say goodbye and go to work. His body was angry and tense. He was crying and screaming. I was talking to him, "You are angry because your Mom is going to work. You have been home so many days. You don't want to leave her." He was still crying. Then I said, "There is Sophia* in her chair watching you. She is wondering why you are so mad." Sophia is a 6 month old. He turned to her. His body completely relaxed. He watched her, then got up to sit next to her. After that his morning went well.

This is peace education to me these days. Children learning to love, learning to share themselves, learning to put anger aside, learning to put their issues aside for others and to be empathic. I'm not sure of what my role is: I'm part cheerleader, observer, processor, and maybe the one that holds out hope and a vision. In these stories not only the toddler, but also the baby, are recipients of the peace education. This work starts pretty young. We teachers have to look for the opportunities to support the children.

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*The names have been changed.



Both boys play together. Conflict resolved, with no adult intervention!