

VALIDATING BIG FEELINGS



Try saying...

"WOW look how happy you are!"

"You are so happy to see _____!"

"I can see how happy that made you."



Try saying...

"Oh wow, that was a bit scary. Do you need a hug?"

"You're scared." *wait for response*

"It's OK to be scared, you're safe here."



Try saying...

"I can see you're very upset."

"That sounds like it must have been hard for you."

"You're sad because _____."



Try saying...

"Oh! That surprised you!"

"WOW! How did that happen?" *wait for response*

"Oh wow, you weren't expecting that!"



Try saying...

"You're MAD!"

"You're mad because _____."

"That must be so hard."

"That sounds like it was really unfair!"

