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**Brilliant Little Voices Deck
Parent/Child Edition**

Cultivating authentic relationships - one
genuine question, one heartfelt
conversation, one unplugged story at a time.



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Compassion Affirmation

**I Can Use My
Words To
Show Care**



Parent Tips for Meaningful Conversation

- Listen first, guide second. Let your child feel heard before you add your thoughts.
- Stay curious. Ask open questions like, “What makes you think that?” or “How did that feel?”
- Model it. Kids learn communication by seeing it in action.
- Celebrate small wins. A kind word, a brave question, a calm moment; they all count.
- Come back to it. Repeat cards throughout the year and you will notice growth each time.

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Compassion

Activity: Pretend you're detectives. Look around and find someone (real or toy!) who might need kindness. What could you say to help?

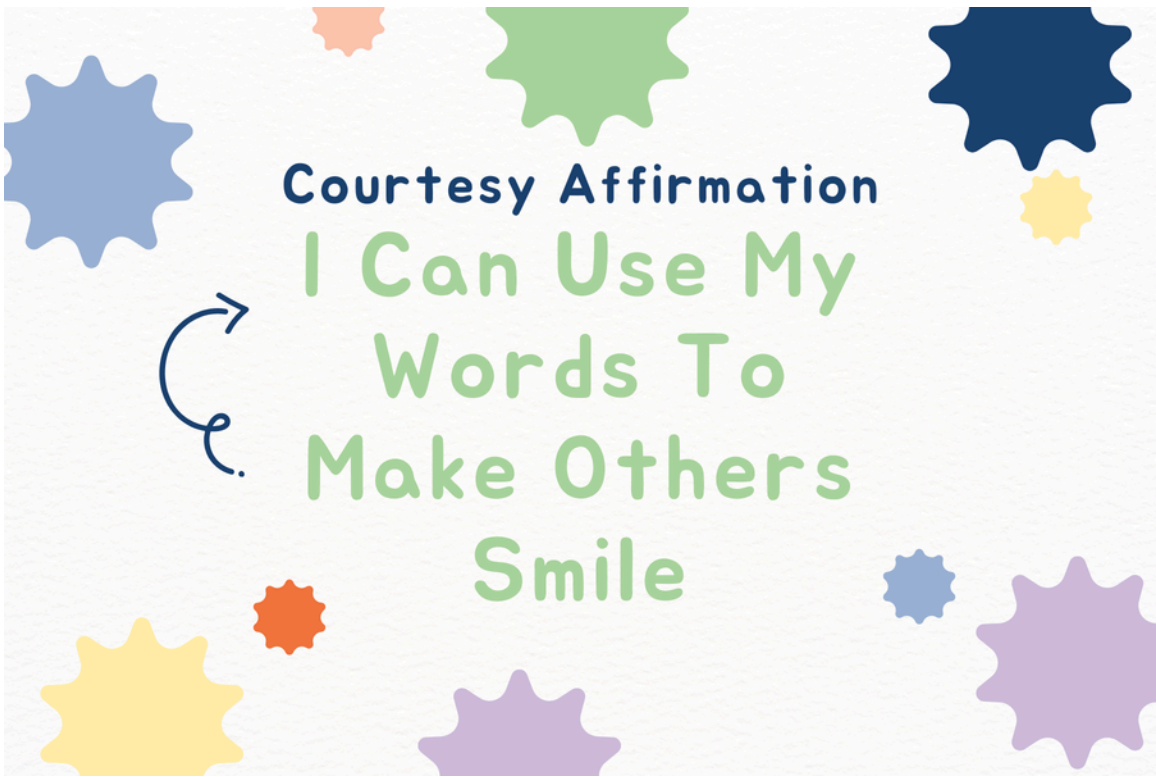
Extension: Kind Word Challenge

Turn it into a 'Kind Word Jar'. Write each phrase on paper and pull one out each day to say.

Parent Prompt: “What clues helped you know they needed care?”

Reflection Praise: “You found kindness everywhere, great detective work!”





Courtesy Affirmation

I Can Use My
Words To
Make Others
Smile



Confidence Affirmation

I Know
My Words
Matter

Courtesy

Activity: Give a compliment to your parent. They give one back. Add a third compliment for yourself!

Extension: Parent secretly gives the child a “Smile Mission Card” for the day (e.g., make someone smile with a joke, make someone smile with a thank-you, make someone smile with a kind surprise note, make someone smile by helping without being asked).

Parent Prompt: “How does it feel when you use words that make someone smile?”

Reflection Praise: “You made smiles contagious, great job.”



Confidence

Activity: Fill a bowl with water. Give your child a pebble for ‘kind words’ and a pebble for ‘unkind words’. Have them say a ‘kind’ phrase, drop the pebble, and watch the ripples. Repeat with the ‘unkind’ phrase, watching how both have a ripple effect, but one feels better than the other.

Extension: Look in a mirror together and say one kind thing about yourself. Then say one kind thing about each other.

Parent Prompt: “What words make you feel proud inside?”

Reflection Praise: “You recognize your words have power. That takes real confidence.”

