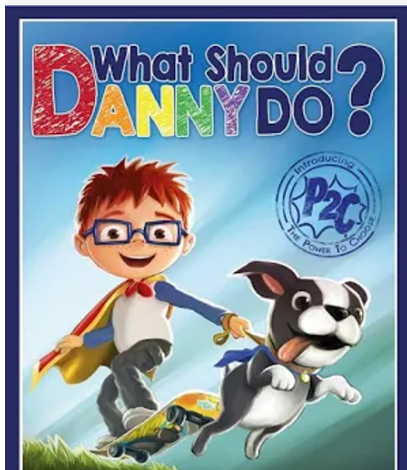




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SPOTLIGHT:

What Should Danny Do?

Overview

What Should Danny Do? is an interactive story where the reader helps Danny make choices throughout his day, and each decision changes the outcome of the story. The book follows Danny across common daily situations (morning routines, school, play, and social interactions), emphasizing his “power to choose” and how his responses impact what happens next. At multiple points, the story pauses and asks the reader to decide what Danny should do. Each choice leads to a different page and a different consequence, allowing the child to immediately see how their decision changes the outcome. The book demonstrates that while Danny cannot control everything around him, he can control his behavior, and those choices directly influence his experiences.

Examples from the book:

At school, Danny is playing basketball when another student accidentally bumps into him. The story pauses and asks: What should Danny do?

- If Danny chooses to shove the student or react aggressively, he gets in trouble and misses out on a fun activity.
- If Danny chooses to stay calm, use his words, or tell the teacher, the situation is resolved appropriately and he continues participating in positive activities.

This branching structure helps children clearly understand how different behaviors directly affect what happens next and reinforces the connection between actions and consequences in real-life situations.

Concepts Taught:

- Cause and effect relationships between behavior and outcomes
- Appropriate vs. inappropriate social responses
- Emotional regulation in frustrating situations
- Problem-solving through choice-making
- Accountability for actions

ABA Goals to Target:

- Increase independent selection of appropriate responses in social scenarios
- Identify expected vs. unexpected behaviors
- Replacement behaviors for aggression or impulsive reactions (e.g., using words, asking for help)
- Strengthen emotional regulation when faced with peer conflict
- Demonstrate understanding of consequences of behavior (natural and social consequences)
- Generalize decision-making skills to real-life school and peer interactions

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