

PLAY TO GROW PROBLEM SOLVING CARDS

SUGGESTED USE

- 1** When a problem is observed between two or more children, present the ring of Play to Grow Cards.
- 2** Encourage the children to verbally state their problem. If they have difficulty with this, define the problem for them. For example, "You both want to play with the blocks. Let's solve the problem."
- 3** Help them choose an appropriate solution. Your level of support will depend on the children's problem solving ability. You might consider presenting two choices. For example, "You can share the blocks or get a timer. Which do you choose?"
- 4** Use descriptive praise to reinforce the successful outcome by describing the children's solution with enthusiasm. For example, "Tommy and Barbara, you chose to share the blocks!"
- 5** Over time, as children internalize the solutions, display the problem solving cards in a common area of the classroom or home. When a problem is observed, encourage them to retrieve the necklace and solve their problem independently.

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