## 10 Simple Mindfulness Activities for Kids

- 1. Practice kind thoughts by prompting your child to think of 5 people they'd like to send kind wishes to.
- 2. Tune into the body by getting down on your child's level and feeling each other's heartbeats.
- 3. Have a 'mindful' snack by describing the smell, texture and taste of the food.
- 4. Explore textures in nature, take a walk to collect several different objects and observe/describe how each feels.
- 5. Have your child give you the 'weather report' on how they're feeling, "I'm dark and cloudy with some raindrop tears coming out".
- 6. Find shapes in the sky by laying down together and choosing different objects to search for in the clouds.
- 7. Take a mindful walk pointing out sights and sounds along the way.
- 8. Try 'buddy breathing' and invite your child to grab a toy/stuffed animal to place on their tummy while they lay down and take slow breaths, in through the nose and out through the mouth.
- 9. Use a happy moment to 'soak in the good' by pausing with your child to observe the pleasant physical and emotional feelings present.
- 10. Explore gratitude by going back and forth with your child (for as long as you can!) to name as many things possible for which you are grateful.

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