

# How to Use the We Care Center in the Home

- The We Care Center provides a way for family members to express caring and empathy for others.
  - Fill your We Care Center with supplies like minor first aid items (Band-Aids, wet wipes, hand sanitizer, scented lotion), card-making supplies (preprinted cards, paper, crayons, sentence starters), and a tiny stuffed animal for cuddling. The We Care Center can be a decorative bin or chest placed somewhere it is easy for everyone to access.
- When a friend or family member is ill, hurt, or having a hard time, the family can go to the We Care Center to find a way to show that person they care. At first, parents or caregivers can suggest how and when to use the We Care Center, but the children quickly understand the intent.
- In this way, the We Care Center encourages the development of empathy by providing a means for children to offer caring and thoughtfulness to others every day.

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- Examples with Sophie and Shubert's Family:
  - When Mom was feeling sad because her friend moved away, Sophie made her a drawing of the friend.
  - When Aunt Dot caught the flu, Mom mailed her a card Shubert made using the supplies and the sentence starter that says, "Get Well Soon."
  - When Anabelle wailed in frustration while trying to crawl, Sophie brought her the special Boo-Boo Bunny housed in the We Care Center.

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