19 · A place ready for next time

Say this, or use your own words

What could we keep ready for another little visit?

Ready in a moment

One actual wanted page, or a fresh pretend scene. A safe adult-chosen place for an existing page is optional.

Try a little play

1. Ask what, if anything, the child wants to keep. A partly made or disappearing story is fine.

2. Choose a next-use idea: leave a message, describe where a page goes, remember one part, or keep nothing.

3. If there is a real page and permission, put it in the agreed adult-approved place. Otherwise describe the plan without reporting it as done.

4. Finish warmly. Keeping a creation never requires a photograph, display or progress record.

Choose a useful route

• Communication: Name keep or finish one at a time, with another idea available. Confirm the child's choice through established communication. A story can close orally; no record is needed to make it worthwhile.

• Making or paper: On the message-and-care aid, mark a chosen pretend return place, or direct the adult to note where an actual page is kept. Record only what really happened and who handled it. Empty areas may remain empty.

• Observe or imagine: Tell a story of a visitor returning a drawn book to a named pretend place. The child can choose that place or watch. This is not evidence of a real tidy-up or independent self-care task.

Two fictional ideas to borrow

• Art play: A child agrees that a real drawing may go in an adult-selected folder already available. The adult places it there. The child's keeping decision and the adult's handling remain separately described.

• Garden fiction: An imagined visitor leaves a made-up garden ready for another story. The child keeps no materials. No actual plants, tools, environmental care or next-day visit is asserted.

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Notice, then choose the next move

Notice an actual keep, close or care decision and any practical action. If storage became another job for the family, offer the no-keeping route next time.

Later fresh start: Start from a fresh place, even if nothing was kept. The earlier page is useful only if available and wanted.

Optional extra: Invite a new name or message for a kept page with permission. A new edition can stay private; no display or improvement is required.

Adult intention: Choose a manageable way to care for or close a creation.

Optional original SVG aid · complete no-image description

All materials — readable HTML · Full parent guide — readable HTML · Full card — readable HTML

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