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Help me learn ways to say no: Role-play with me, and help me learn creative, effective, ways to say no. Try “Let’s play a game. Pretend you’re at Sara’s house with friends. Someone finds some beer, and they offer you one. What would you say.”



Look for teachable moments. When watching TV together and cannabis is mentioned, ask me if I know what that is and if any of my friends have ever talked about it. If I’m eating a snack, use that as a conversation started about ways we keep our bodies and minds healthy.

Keep me busy. Help me discover things I’m good at. Make sure I stay involved in those activities. Be a good example. Understand that I watch and learn from your behavior.

Build my self-esteem. The more confidence I have in myself, the better I’ll be able to steer clear of dangerous behaviors. So “catch me” doing good things, praise me, and tell me you are proud of me.

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