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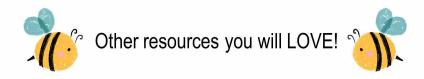


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Children have worries and of course they should always talk to you if they are feeling a bit worried about something. It is also good to encourage children to try and cope with their worries too. Sometimes distraction can be amazingly powerful.

These are little tear off/cut off strips with suggestions on what to do. If they are finding their minds are worrying a lot then encourage them to try one of the activities. In time they may just do that themselves and start feeling a whole lot better.



I can take some calming breaths. I can breathe in for the count of 7 and out for the count of 11

I can do some mindful colouring. Concentrate on the colours, shapes and design. Think only about the colouring I can imagine I am a snowman and bit by bit my muscles are relaxing and I am melting into a puddle on the floor I can imagine my happy place in my mind and I can go there for a while. I can use my 5 senses to really be there

I can lose myself in a good book. I can enjoy the story and forget about everything for a while I can play with some playdough. I can make shapes with it. Squeeze it, roll it and stretch it.



can try some exercise. Anything at all lenjoy doing such as skipping, jogging on the spot, or running up and down stairs.

I can do a crazy dance to my favourite music. I can lose myself in the music and just think about my body and the music

I can sing a favourite song. I can sing loudly for everyone to hear. I can count my breaths. In -1, out -2, In -3, Out -4 and so on

I can look out of the window and find shapes in the clouds. I can watch them gently floating by. I can watch a favourite movie and just think about what is happening in the movie

