SAFETY DISCUSSION PICTURE:
LITTLE KIDS AND POISON

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Discussion pictures are a valuable tool in teaching children safety concepts. They allow open ended conversation so that kids can voice their own ideas and opinions, providing teachers an opportunity to address specific concepts and fine tune their knowledge. Because they allow children the freedom to discuss the situation, they serve as practice for a real emergency. They can also be used to test children on what they have learned. Use them often, either one on one or in a group setting. Just print out this document, which includes teacher instructions below along with the discussion picture on the following page. Show the picture to the kids, then use the following ideas as discussion guidelines.

Questions to ask:

What is the little boy in the picture playing with?
Are these things toys?
Why is it bad for the little boy to play with these things?
What is the bigger girl trying to do?
Should she take these things away from him? Why?
The things the boy is playing with are poisonous. What might happen if he ate or drank these items?
What types of things in your house are poisonous?

Points of Learning:

There are lots of things that have uses in our home that are harmful to little kids.
It is good for older kids to look out for the safety of younger kids.
Adults should keep things that are harmful to little kids in places where they can not get them.

Alternate Writing Activity

With older children, you can make discussion pictures a creative writing activity. Simply show them the picture, provide them with writing paper, and have each child write a short story about what they think is going on in the picture. After completion, share each other's stories and use the time to talk about the safety concepts.



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