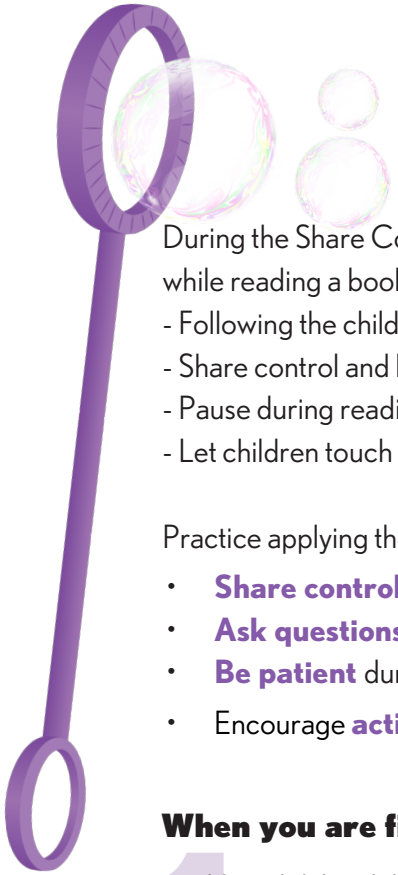

CONNECT TO THE CLASSROOM
Share Control, Infant # 1 Activity

During the Share Control, Infant #1 activity video, the teacher lets the baby open and close the pages while reading a book together. Key tips to remember:
- Following the child's lead, stay engaged and responsive so that you can teach more information from books.
- Share control and be flexible; this will encourage active participation and engagement.
- Pause during reading to allow children to respond to questions and go to their favorite parts again.
- Let children touch and hold books, turn pages, and go back and forth as they choose.

Practice applying the key concepts demonstrated in the Share Control, Infant #1 activity on your own:

- **Share control** and allow the child to **select a book.**
- **Ask questions** about what is happening in the book. **Relate to home** experiences, if possible.
- **Be patient** during reading to allow the child to explore the book. **Point to, label**, and **describe** pictures.
- Encourage **active participation** and **follow the child's lead**.

When you are finished reflect on the following questions:

1. How did the child connect to the book? What did you say or do to help the child make connections?

2. What questions did you ask? How did the child respond?

3. How did you allow the child to explore the book? What did you do while the child pointed to pictures and turned pages?

4. What was challenging? What can you do better next time? Try these next time.

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