## TIPS FOR CAREGIVERS

### **SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL GOALS**

After reading this book, kids will be able to use their yoga practice to:

- 1. Become more aware of their emotions and the physical sensations they produce in the body (self-awareness).
- 2. Use the techniques included in the text to help manage their emotions and de-stress (self-management).

#### TIPS FOR PRACTICE

Encourage self-awareness and self-management with these prompts:

**Before reading:** Ask students to check in with themselves. How do they feel, in both mind and body? **Emotional example:** What kinds of thoughts are you having? **Physical example:** How does your body feel today?

**During reading:** Encourage students to check in as they move through the book. **Emotional example:** How does it feel when you close your eyes and focus on your breathing? **Physical example:** How do certain poses feel in your body?

**After reading:** Take time to reflect after practicing the poses. **Emotional example:** How do you feel after practicing yoga? **Physical example:** Are there certain poses you like or don't like?

# GOALS AND TOOLS

### **GROW WITH GOALS**

Practice bringing yoga into your everyday life. This can look different for everyone. Here are some ideas to get you started. You can set your own goals, too!

- Folding forward can look and feel different for everyone. When you practice a pose regularly, it can start to look and feel different in your body. Try this with your Forward Fold. Practice every day for a week. See what happens when you do this stretch every day! What changes?
- 2. Boat Pose works the muscles in your stomach. Practice Boat Pose every day for a week. Hold it for 10 seconds each time. Then try increasing the amount of time you hold it the next week. Keep adding on!

#### **TRY THIS!**

Play Yogi, Yogi, Go! (Just like Duck, Duck, Goose!)

- **1.** Sit in a circle with a group of friends or classmates.
- **2.** Have everyone sit in Butterfly Pose.
- 3. One friend starts and moves around the circle tapping friends on the head, saying, "Yogi, Yogi" and picks someone by saying, "Go!"
- **4.** The first child will run around the circle trying to make it back to his or her seat without getting tagged.
- 5. If tagged, that child has to hold Boat Pose in the middle of the circle until everyone counts to 10. You can try a different pose each time!



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