

STRATEGIES IN ACTION

ENFORCEABLE STATEMENTS

Instead of this:

Say this:

Please sit down. I'm going to start now.

I'll begin as soon as you are seated.

Please be quiet. It's time to begin.

I'll be glad to start as soon as you show me that you are ready.

Open your bible studies to page 12.

I will be working out of page 12 in our bible study.

You can't go to the restroom until I finish giving directions.

Feel free to go to the restroom when I'm not giving directions.

Keep your hands to yourself.

Feel free to stay with us when you can keep your hands to yourself.

Don't talk to me in that tone of voice!

I'll listen as soon as your voice is as calm as mine.

Don't be late!

All of those who arrive on time get to go out to free time on time!

I'm not going to line you up until everyone is quiet.

I'll be lining people up as soon as it is quiet.

Keep your areas clean and organized.

All campers with neat and clean areas are welcome to join us for water slides!

I'm not loaning you any more pencils!

I loan pencils to those who have not borrowed before.

If you don't remember your backpack, you're just going to have to do without it.

Feel free to borrow from anyone but me.

RECOVERY TIME SCRIPT:

(1): Opportunity for the child to fix the problem.

Hey, I noticed you are causing a problem. I am going to need you to fix that problem.

(2): Counselor offers choices.

Hey, I noticed you are still causing a problem. You have the choice to ____ or _____.

(3): Send to leadership

Hey, I notice you are still causing a problem and now I need to get leadership involved.

(4): When they return, be excited to see them!