



Prenatal Pause and Repair

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- ❓ How might my baby _____ about this?
- ❓ What can I say or do to _____ my baby that I understand _____ this made them feel?
- ❓ How can I communicate to my unborn baby that they're not to _____?
- ❓ How can I remind my baby that they're _____, _____, and _____?

Word Bank:

valued safe show blame how
feel loved disconnection

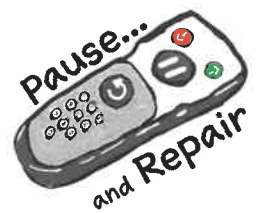


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