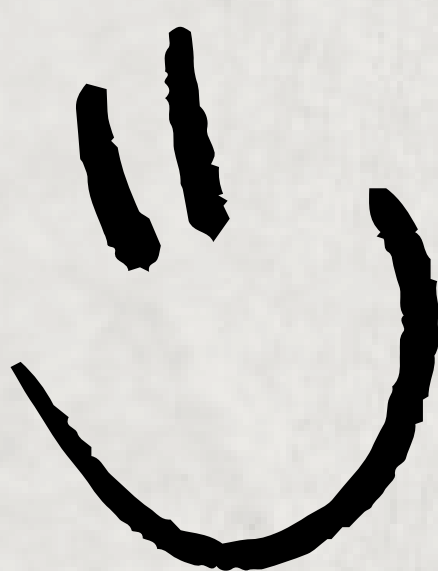
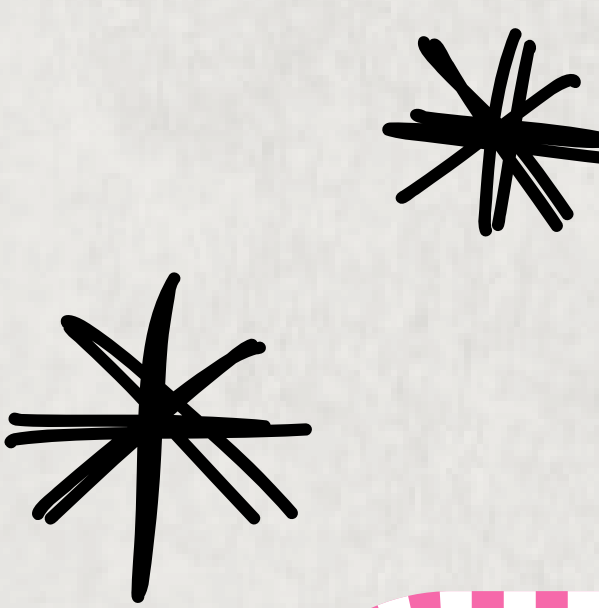
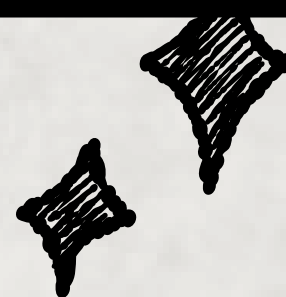
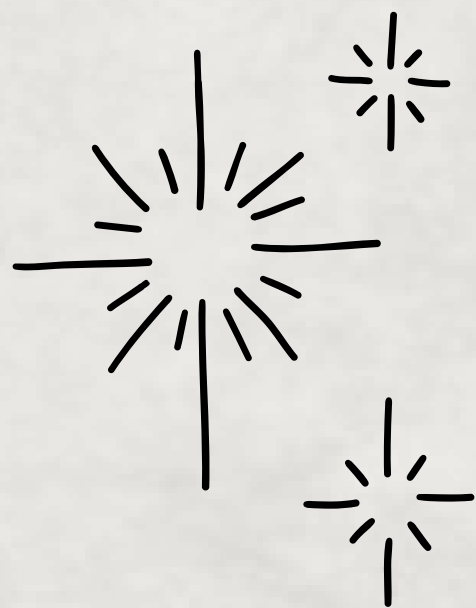


# THE MISUNDERSTOOD MOMENT:

What You See vs. What's Really Being Said

"When you answer the need through tone, touch, or truth, you bring the light expression of that layer back online."



## What you see:

DEFIANCE

AVOIDANCE

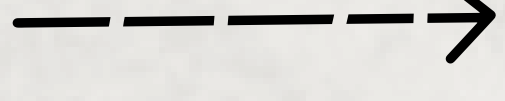
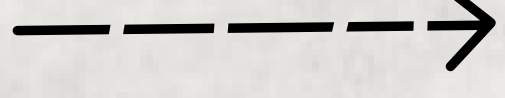
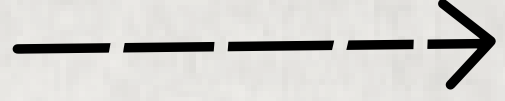
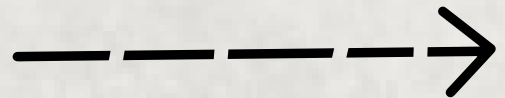
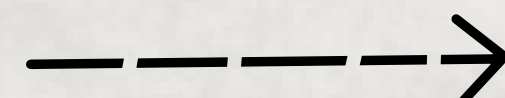
DISRESPECT

WHINING

CLINGINESS

TANTRUM

FIBBING



## What It Actually Means:

"I need to feel powerful where I feel powerless."

OR

"I'm testing whether your love holds when I push back."

"I'm afraid to fail, so I'd rather not try."

OR

"The task feels bigger than my current capacity."

"I feel unseen or dismissed - this is me protecting my dignity."

OR

"I'm using attitude to shield my vulnerability."

"My nervous system is sliding into overwhelm."

OR

"I don't trust you'll hear me unless I amplify."

"My emotional anchor feels loose."

OR

"I need proximity before I can feel safe to explore."

"My body is expressing what my words can't."

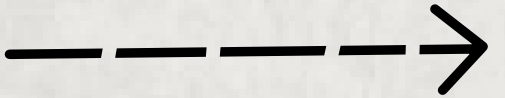
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"I've lost access to logic - I need co-regulation, not correction."

"I'm protecting my self-image, not deceiving you."

OR

"I'm afraid the truth will disconnect me from you."



## How You Can Respond:

Offer small, safe choices: "You decide which shoes today."

Break it into one simple step and join for the first few minutes.

Reflect feeling before correcting tone: "That came out sharp. What's happening underneath?"

Name the feeling with calm empathy: "You really want [x]. Let's take a breath before we talk about it."

Reestablish connection with touch or micro-ritual: "Come sit with me for one song."

Stay near, steady your own breath, speak few words until calm returns.

Affirm safety in honesty: "You can tell me, and you'll still be connected and loved."

## How to Read The Moment:

Every behavior is a translation. Beneath the noise (tears, sass, fibs etc.) something sacred is being spoken. This chart helps you listen for which part of your child is leading: the Moon needing safety, the Sun seeking worth, the Rising longing to belong, or Mars fighting for control.

Follow the color to the CBM Layer's core needs. It will show you where the hurt began and how to reach it. One calm breath, one steady phrase, one soft look; and you'll feel the click of reconnection. It's a quiet moment when your kiddo's body whispers, "I feel seen again."

Of course, these are not rules, but mirrors. The same behavior may carry many roots, yet all ask the same question: "Can I be me, and stay connected?" When you answer yes - through tone, touch, or truth - you bring the light expression of that layer back online.

Beneath nearly every struggle hides one of four ancient fears: "Will I still be loved?" (Moon), "Am I enough?" (Sun), "Do I belong?" (Rising), or "Am I in control?" (Mars). When you understand these fears, instead of the surface behavior they motivate, you will deepen the connection between you and your child, and help them return to balance.

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### COLOR LEGEND

- Mars Layer
- Rising Layer
- Sun Layer
- Moon Layer

