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Circle Time

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Opening: Welcomes children to circle time, promotes routine and consistency.

Note: Be prepared and spontaneous

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Start with familiar songs: Allows children an opportunity to warm up with songs that are m**ore familiar**

Note: Post words and pictures

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Use props: helps children develop fine motor skills and body awareness. Gives opportunity to expand on songs or activity learned.

Note: Introduce new song slowly

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Energizing Activities: allows children the opportunity to move around and be active.

Note: Provide song book to parents

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Calming activities: Helps children focus and work on memory skills. Try singing some slow paced songs and then introduce a story.

Note: Take time to explain to explain concepts

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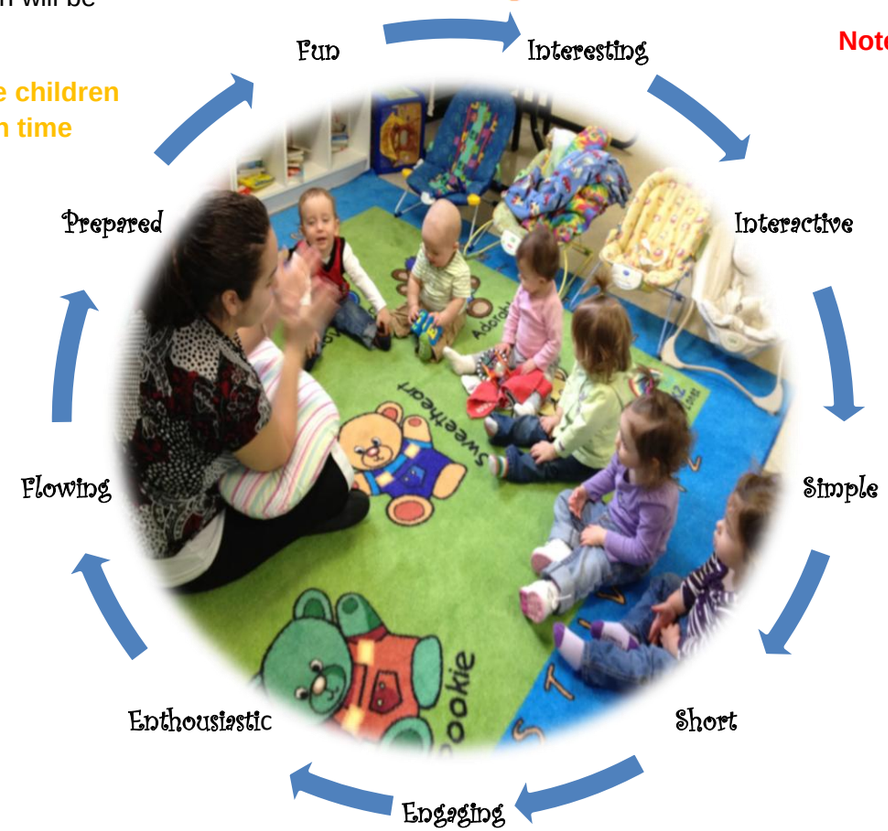
Closing: Signals that circle time is finished. Take this time quickly to review what you've covered and discuss what the children will be doing next.

Note: Routines helps the children situate themselves in time



Attention Spans	Tips to capture attention
Infants→3-5 minutes Toddler→5-10 minutes Preschooler→up to 15 minutes	✓ Whisper, use humour ✓ Focus attention with props ✓ Relate to child's experiences

Handout for "Talking/Singing" workshop

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