## Let's Talk About Needing Attention - Reading Guide

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Lesson/Notes: Directly teaches appropriate ways to get attention.

## **Discussion Questions**

- Did being disruptive or disobeying get Casey the kind of attention he wanted? (No)
- What are some helpful ways Casey and Petey learned to get attention? (ask politely, wait patiently, give others attention by helping/listening/etc.)

## **Activity:**

Supplies: paper bags, markers or crayons, googly eyes, yarn

- Use paper bags to make hand puppets. Child can draw with markers/crayons and glue on googly eyes and yarn for hair.
- Let child lead/direct/narrate/act out a short play that shows a negative way to get attention and the negative result then a positive way to get attention with the positive result.
  - If child is unsure how to proceed, ask child to act out examples. What would happen if
    - the puppet pushed his brother?
    - the puppet asked parent/guardian to come to a tea party?
    - the puppet asked for help tying his shoes
    - the puppet yelled at her teacher?
    - the puppet offered to help put groceries away?

