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Huddling in close is one of the greatest kindnesses we can show our kids during these times. We don't have to say anything. They likely don't want an explanation. We realize without asking that everything is not fine in their world. The words that they need are your proximity and your heart's empathy. Huddling in close is kindness for the weeping.

In those moments it's normal to be unsure about what to say or what to do. There is no playbook for comforting our kids or anyone in crisis—except the guidance of love, the whisper of empathy, the holy nudge inside telling us to remain quiet or to reach

out. There is no script for explaining to your child the sadness at hand. The best thing we can do is 1) admit that we don't have an answer and 2) resist the temptation to try to make things better with our words.

Words will come later. Love comes in kindness first. Be kind to the one who is hurting in your life. It could be your spouse, your child, or a friend. Be kind by huddling in close without expectation and waiting for them to show you how to love them. Huddle in knowing that love heals us. Huddle in remembering that love binds us together. Huddle in knowing that forgiveness will come. Huddle in knowing that the huddling in is the kind of community that every kid and family needs.

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