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# When Children Cry





## WHAT PARENTS SAY:


## WHAT CHILDREN HEAR:


 Don't cry


 Hide your emotions; they are unbearable


 Look at the boy; he's not crying

 Others are right, and you are wrong. Others are better than you


 If you keep crying, I'll leave you here

 You are wrong; I can abandon you


 I'll give you to the man

 The world is so dangerous that anyone can take you, and we won't protect you

 It's not scary

 You are feeling wrong

 People are watching you

 The surrounding people control and have power over you; their reaction is more important than yours