# **\*** Partner Coloring With Thought Clouds

A playful way to help your child notice, name, and release tricky thoughts.

#### **Notes for Parents & Caring Adults**

This short activity helps children:

- Notice thoughts and feelings with kindness
- Practice defusion ("I can see a thought without believing it")
- Let thoughts pass by without getting stuck

Try this together during a calm moment first, so it feels familiar when emotions run high.

## Before You Begin:

- Grab a pencil, crayons, or markers.
- Invite your child to sit with you.
- Take a slow, deep breath together, or give each other a long hug.



# **Draw Your Puffy Clouds Here**

Use these clouds... or draw your own!

## Step 1:

Draw your clouds (or decorate the ones already here).

## Step 2:

Write or draw a thought or feeling inside each cloud.

#### Step 3:

Ready? Blow your clouds away together. Whoooosh!



# Let's Blow Our Clouds Away!



## 1. Notice the Thought

Ask: "What thought is floating by?"

### 2. Say the Magic Phrase

Together, say: "Thank you, mind." This helps kids notice the thought without letting it take over.

#### 3. Blow the Cloud Away

Take a slow breath in...then gently blow the cloud into the sky together. "Whoosh!"

# 4. Make Space for Something Kinder

"What helpful thought or feeling might float by next?"

# What Did Your Cloud Say?

A gentle moment to reflect after blowing the clouds away.

#### Ask your child:

- "How do you feel now?"
- "Which cloud felt the heaviest?"
- "What helped it float away?"
- "Is there another cloud you want to send off?"

#### **Bonus Prompt**

"What kind of cloud do you want to invite tomorrow? A brave cloud? A calm cloud? A silly cloud?"



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