



Animal Rescue Team 2

The rescue team is back. With a shared rule and an agreed order, the children work together to bring every toy animal safely home.

Helps Your Child Grow



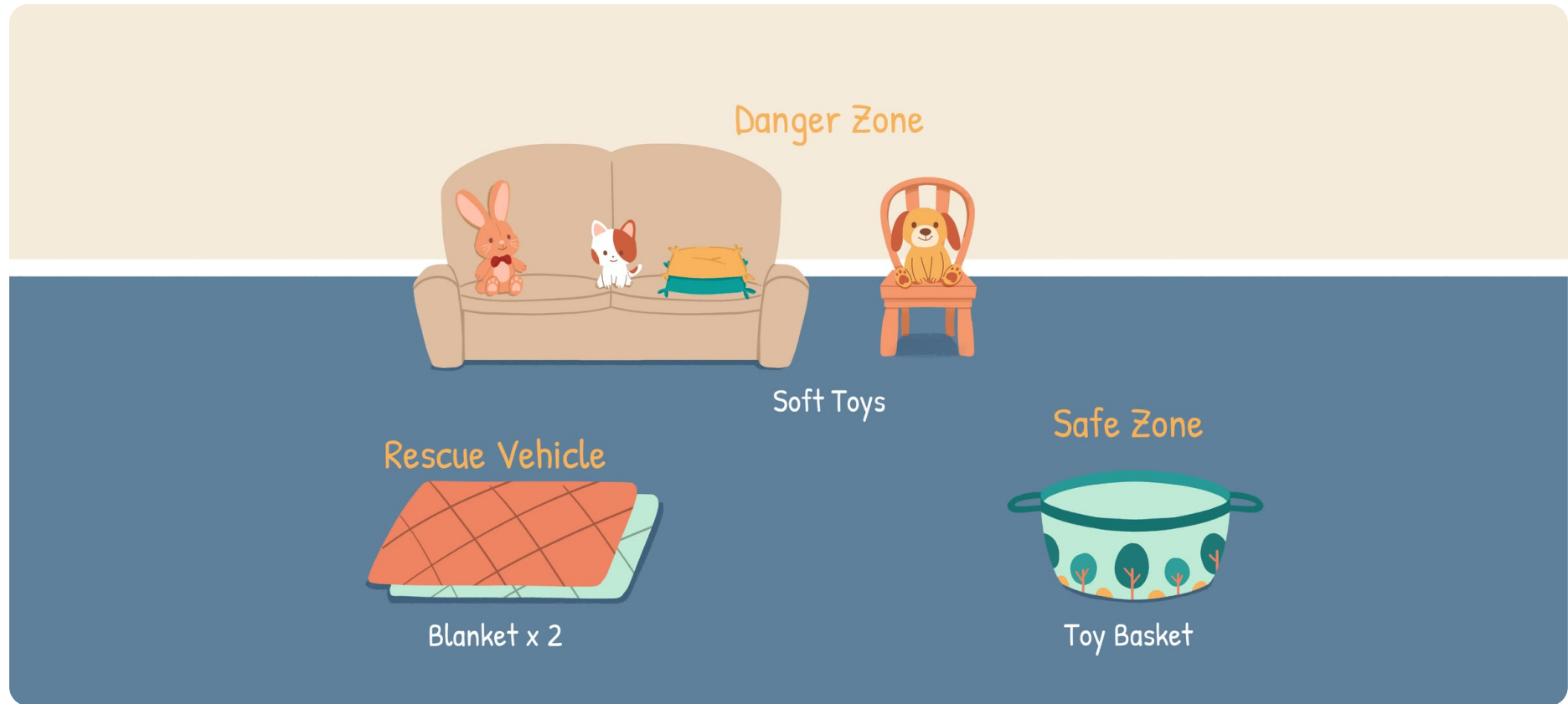
Relationships with Other Children

Agreeing on rules and a rescue order gives your child practice discussing a plan and cooperating with a peer.



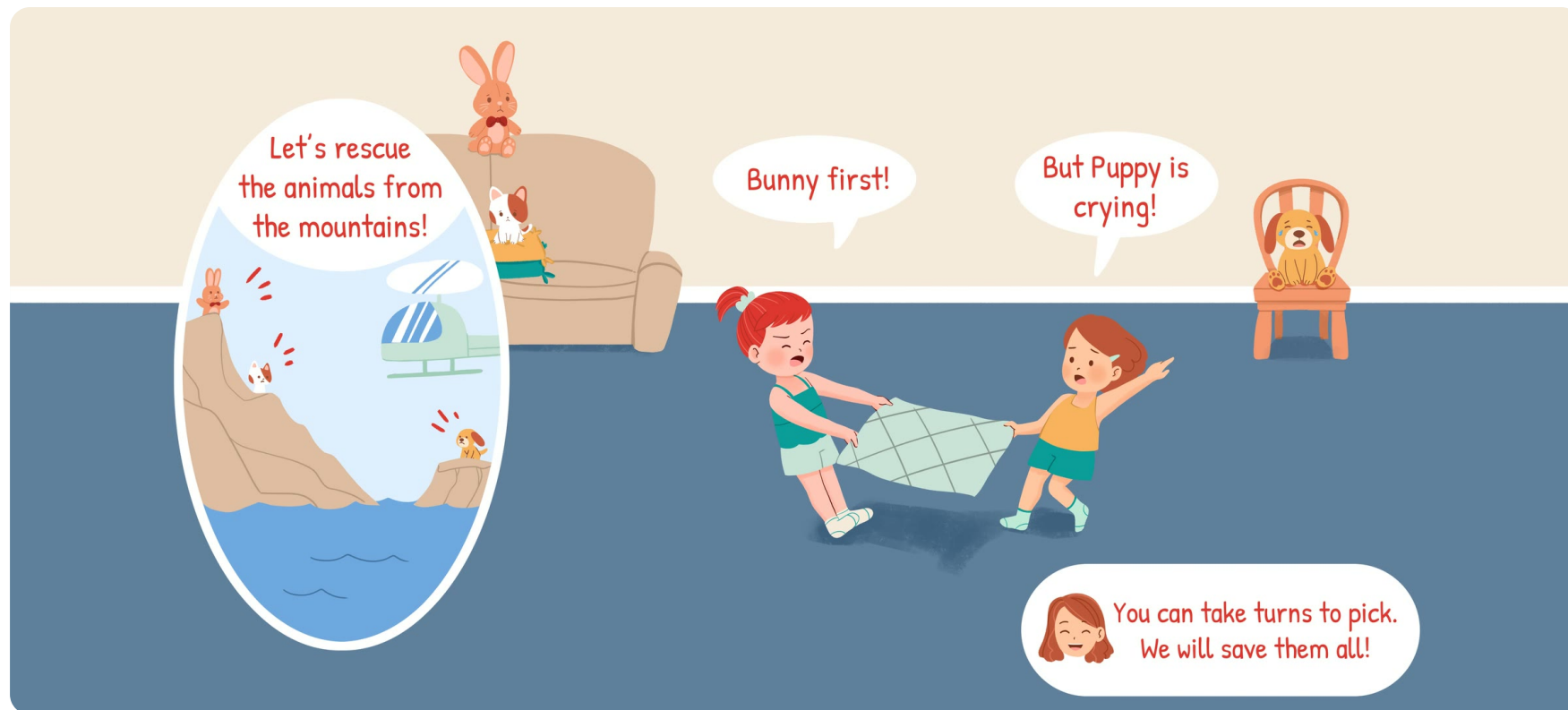
Cognitive Self-Regulation (Executive Functioning)

Continuing until every toy animal reaches the safe zone gives your child experience persisting toward a clear goal.



What You'll Need

1. Stuffed animals to rescue
2. a sofa as the pretend danger zone
3. a toy basket as the safe zone
4. two blankets as rescue tools



A Team Rescue

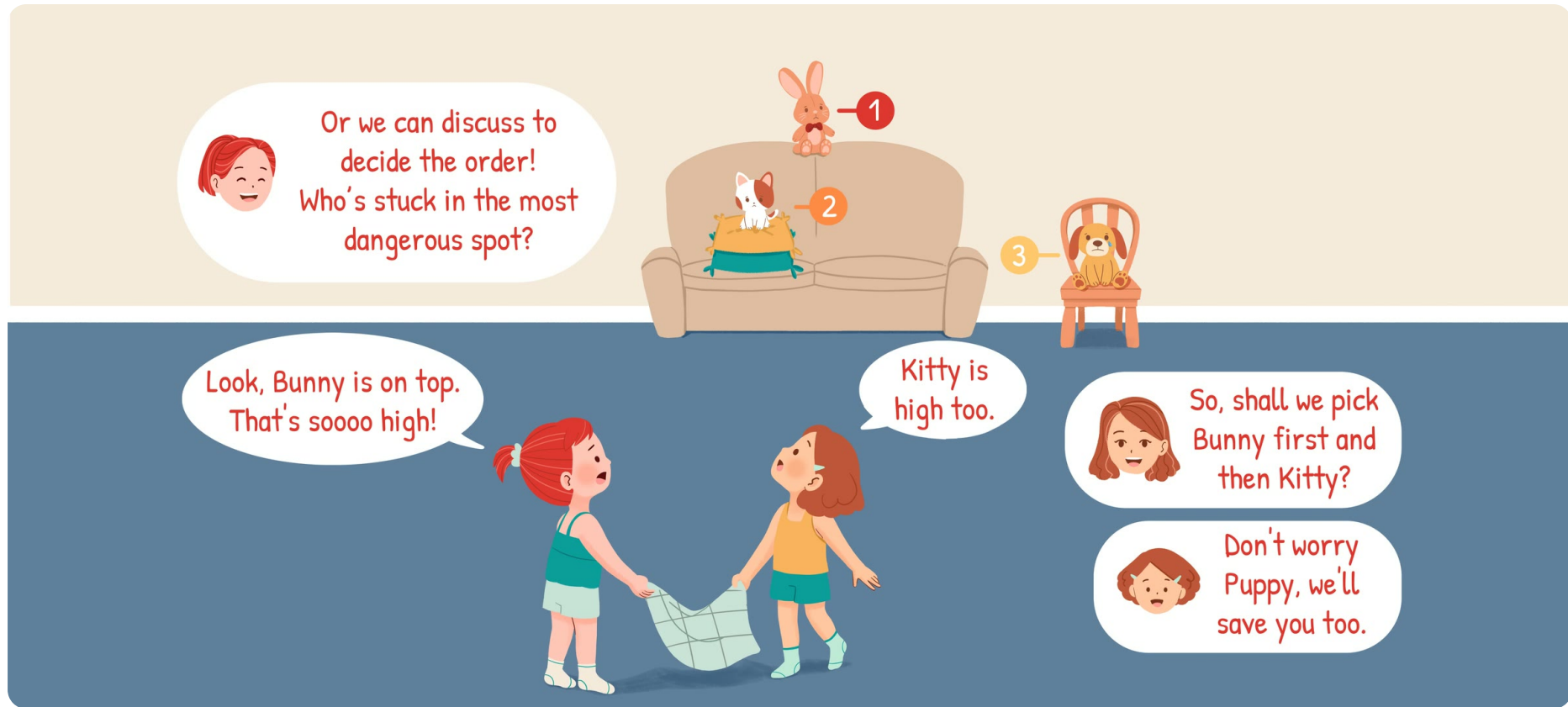
The animals are trapped. Invite the children to work together on a rescue. They may each want to help a different animal first, so establish one rule: both rescuers work on the same animal before moving to the next.

Observations

- Takes turns rescuing animals with a peer
- Says which animal they want to rescue

Tips

- Create a simple story: “A flood is coming, and the animals are trapped on the hill. The superheroes need to rescue them!” Invite the children to imagine using their powers together.
- At this age, it is common for children to hold tightly to their own ideas and have difficulty considering someone else’s plan.
- A playful task that genuinely requires two people gives the children a natural reason to cooperate.



Choose Who Goes First

Ask the children to discuss which animal to rescue first and agree on an order. If they are unsure how to begin, model a useful question: "Which animal is in the most danger?" Let the children make the final decision.

Observations

- Explains why they want to rescue a particular animal
- Stays focused on the rescue process

Tips

- Use stickers to make the agreed rescue order visible and easy to remember.
- While the children discuss the order, point out relevant facts in the pretend situation without deciding for them. Give them room to interpret and choose.



Bring Everyone to Safety

Put the plan into action. The children take turns rescuing the animals and carry each one to the safe zone together. Stay nearby and offer help when they need it so they can continue through the whole rescue.

Observations

- Keeps going until all the animals reach the safe zone
- Watches a partner's movements and matches their pace while carrying an animal

Tips

- If the children overlook an animal, stay in the story as you remind them: "The puppy is still on the hill. It needs the rescuers!"
- When the children face a difficult part, help at the moment they need it and offer steady encouragement. This can reduce frustration and make it easier to persist.