# Parent reads:

Supporting Kids During the Coronavirus Pandemic, from the Child Mind Institute

This post and this one, too, from the CDC

<u>7 Ways to Support Kids and Teens Through the Coronavirus Pandemic</u>, from The Clay Center for Young Healthy Minds

### Activities

For little ones:

Animal Chat (a game that builds understanding of feelings and emotions)

Calm Down Jar

Cosmic Kids yoga videos

For elementary age and up:

Make a Coping Strategy Fortune Teller

Thoughts and Feelings Triptych

Why You Need a Coping Box and How to Create One

<u>DIY Cardboard Dollhouse</u>, <u>Cardboard Geodome</u>, etc. (involved projects that you can work together on and walk away from and return to like this are awesome distractions- like puzzles, but more creative)

### Parent/Child journaling

This <u>blog post</u> is great because it guides you through setting up notebooks with supplies you already have, and includes printables with lots of good prompting questions. If you want to make it even easier, these two journals are supposed to be really good and you can buy them on Amazon:

You, Me, We: A Pair of Activity Books to Bond With Your Child

Just Between Us: Mother and Daughter

Books (many of these are also available on Audible!)

**Picture books:** The following are titles that deal with emotions in general.

Camp Tiger

In My Heart: A Book of Feelings

Ruby Finds a Worry

My Very Own Space

Little Tree

# <u>Life</u>

**Older elementary/middle school**: The following titles are all historical fiction. Reading about a time period when people lived more slowly and a certain amount of social isolation was standard could put things in context in a refreshing way for elementary and middle school aged kids.

### Little Women

My Brother Sam is Dead

Caddie Woodlawn

A Swiftly Tilting Planet

Anne of Green Gables (there is also a graphic novel version)

The Birchbark House

The Story Girl

Sarah, Plain and Tall

The Call of the Wild

The Count of Monte Crisco