

HH-A-0005 — Family Guide

Story Topic

A welcome can be gentle, spacious, accessible, and led by the new person's pace.

Child Concern

Meeting someone new or entering a new place may feel big.

Caregiver Encouragement

Offer choices, allow quiet communication, notice access needs without making them unusual, and avoid demanding greetings.

Conversation Starters

- What made the first hello feel big?
- What helped Kaydence?
- How did Asher join?
- What made the path welcoming?
- Who chose the pace?

Everyday Examples

- Joining a new group
- Welcoming a visitor
- Meeting someone at the playground
- Beginning a shared activity

Optional Extension

Use three large, safe household objects to remember the welcome plan. Invite your child to point to each object while recalling the story. Keep role-play optional, and do not simulate disability.