



Script: Help Me!

Teacher: Class!

Students: Yes!

Teacher: Whenever I say, “Help me!” and extend my hands, you should immediately tell me what I should say next. Teach your neighbor what to do when I say, “Help me!” (Clap twice.) Teach!

Students: (Clap twice.) Okay! (Students teach each other what the teacher just said.)

Teacher: Great! Whenever I say, “Help me!”, that’s the *only* time you may call out without raising your hand. Teach your neighbor the *one* time you can call out without raising your hand. (Clap twice.) Teach!

Students: (Clap twice.) Okay! (Students teach each other what the teacher just said.)

Teacher: Let’s practice. One, two, three, four, five...Help me! (gesture)

Students: (Calling out.) Six!

Teacher: Good. Whenever I say, “Help me!” (gesture) that’s the only time you may call out without raising your hand.

- Practice with other easy items students are sure to know.
- Continue this practice for a day or so, always pointing out that 'Help me!' is the ONLY time your kids can respond without raising their hand!!

Teacher: You can also use ‘Help Me!’ if you don’t know the answer to a question. Just extend your arms out and say, “Help me!” Anyone that knows the answer may call out without raising their hand. (Clap twice.) Teach!

Students: (Clap twice.) Okay! (Students teach each other what the teacher just said.)

Teacher: Let’s practice. (Call on a student to repeat the alphabet, or some other easy task. Then pause and say, “Help me!” Other students may call out the answer.)

- Once this practice becomes routine, you will have transformed your class into a 'no failure' community. Whenever students don't know an answer, all their classmates will have their back. 'Help me!' creates a marvelous environment of mutual support. 'Help me!' can be played all day long, in every learning situation.