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Presentation Main Points:

- Identify opportunities to work on functional communication skills (look at communication breakdowns for clues! Ex: use AAC to model making choices, teaching yes/no to affirm what your child is telling you, protesting appropriately, & working toward requesting).
- Use the activity of talking about your day, what happened earlier, and what will happen, to expand communicative functions beyond requesting and protesting. Take pictures of your child doing different activities throughout the day, talk about them! Use emotion words.
- Model core language in daily routines! See resources below for ideas, resources, and activities.

Resources:

Great resource for tons of AAC ideas and activities - you can make a free account.

<https://coreword.assistiveware.com/login>

Proloquo2Go - a year of Core Words

<https://saltillo.com/downloads/chat/a-year-of-core-ss-by-practical-aac/A%20Year%20of%20Words%202014%20WP%20108%20SS.pdf>

Free AAC activities

<https://goboardmaker.com/collections/boardmaker-activities-to-go>

AAC blog with many informative articles and ideas.

<https://practicalaac.org/>

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