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## DON'T LEAVE ME!

Separation anxiety is a concern a child has when he/she is separated from a parent or caregiver. This anxiety is worse during the toddler years. Toddlers recognize the signs of a parent or caregiver preparing to go some place: getting dressed in work clothes, putting items in the car, going to the babysitter. Toddlers can be very vocal in protesting the separation.

When the parent or caregiver returns, it is interesting to see how the child reacts. Many will have a joyful reunion full of kisses and hugs. Some children will totally ignore the parent/caregiver as if to punish him/her for leaving the child.

Observe two different toddlers and adults during a separation and reunion. Complete your observations on the chart below. Be prepared to share this information with the class.

AGE AND GENDER OF TODDLER	ACTIONS DURING SEPARATION	ACTIONS AFTER CAREGIVER HAS GONE	ACTIONS DURING REUNION