

## Dear Parent or Carer,

Your child is learning about keeping safe around laundry and cleaning products. They have been reading a story about a lion called Sam and learning to ask a grown-up if they are worried or unsure what to do if:

- They find a cleaning product in a shopping bag.
- A younger brother or sister gets hold of a squishy, colourful liquid washing tablet.
- They find cleaning things left out in the bathroom.
- They are thirsty and look under the kitchen sink for a drink.

Sam is coming home with the children as part of their homework. You can use the little story book to help reinforce what your child has been learning about keeping themselves safe and looking out for younger brothers or sisters.

### How to use the story book, homework sheet and chant

- Read the Safe with Sam story book with your child.
- Look at the talking points at the front of the book and talk to your child about smart ways to stay safe.
- Help your child with the homework sheet, looking at where it is safe to store laundry and cleaning things.
- Encourage your child to colour in the picture of Sam's Mummy storing bottles safely as a fun reminder of what they have been learning.
- Ask them if they can remember the chant they have learnt about asking a grown-up. Stick the song up as a reminder.

### Everyday safety...

- Take a look at the **Safe with Sam: facts for families** sheet for first aid and safety advice.
- When you put a laundry or cleaning product back in a safe place, remind your child why you are doing this.
- Why not get down to your child's level to see what they can see. Make it a game, sit down on the floor together and see if you can spot anything dangerous, like cleaning things lurking under the kitchen sink or by the side of the loo.

**We hope you have fun with Sam!**

The Child Accident Prevention Trust team

