Steven

This conversation took place during naptime. Steven is four years old.

Resp	#		Statement	Adult	Child
	1	Teacher	Hey, Steven. What's up?		
	2	Steven	Teacher, my dad's in jail.		
	3	Teacher	Oh, really?		
	4	Steven	My dad's in jail, and he can't get out.		
	5	Teacher	It doesn't sound to me like that would be very much fun.		
	6	Steven	No.		
	7	Teacher	It sounds like you miss your dad.		
	8	Steven	(no response)		
	9	Teacher	I think I would miss my dad, if he were in jail and I couldn't see him.		
	10	Steven	Teacher, I really miss him.		
	11	Steven	Sometimes I cry because I miss him so much.		
	12	Teacher	I would cry, too.		
	13	Teacher	I think it is OK to cry. It shows you love your dad and you miss him.		
	14	Steven	Sometimes Mom cries after I go to bed.		
	15	Teacher	I think your mom might be crying, because she misses your dad, too.		
	16	Steven	Yeah. My mom loves my dad, too.		
	17	Steven	My dad gets mad when I cry.		
	18	Teacher	Why?		
	19	Steven	(no response)		
	20	Teacher	Steven, I don't know why your dad gets mad, but I have a guess.		
	21	Steven	Why?		
	22	Teacher	I think your dad gets mad because he wishes he could be with you. He feels bad. Powerless.		
	23	Steven	What does powerless mean?		
	24	Teacher	It means that you feel that way when you can't do something even though you really want to.		
	25	Steven	OK. I feel that way, too, sometimes.		
	26	Teacher	Powerless?		
	27		Yes.		
	28	Teacher	Why?		
	29	Steven	Because I want my daddy to be with me all the time, but I can't get him out of jail.		
	30	Teacher	It's hard.		
	31	Teacher	It might help if you talked to your mom about that.		
	32	Steven	No. She might get mad.		
	33	Teacher	I bet your mom would like to hear how you feel about your dad being in jail.		
	34	Steven	OK. Can I still talk to you?		
	35	Teacher	Of course you can, Steven.		
	36	Teacher	I love it when you talk to me, especially when you talk to me and let me know how you are feeling.		
	37	Steven	(Steven gives teacher a kiss on the cheek and a hug.)		
	38	Teacher	I liked that, Steven.		
	39	Steven	Would you rock me a little bit?		
	40	Teacher	OK.		

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