Four Pluses and a Wish:

Age: Any

Setting: Anytime you need/want your child's compliance

Purpose: To gain your child's compliance and get them to do what you have requested of them.

Checklist:

Plus 1 – Smile

Plus 2 – Relaxed Body Language Be on child's level, eye contact with child

Plus 3 – Say the Child's Name Use calm and warm tone of voice

Plus 4 – Pay a Compliment to the Child Compliment the task they are doing or something that they truly value (ex: "I love the outfit you picked out today!" or "I love the drawing you are making!")

The Wish

Make a request of the child
Make sure the request is stated not asked
and that it clear, age-appropriate
language is used