When my body alarm turns on

A busy moment can make my body feel on alert.



The tiny idea

A loud room, a scratchy texture, or a surprise change can feel like too much. Stress is a body signal, not bad behavior.

Look inside: what is happening?

A big moment can turn on the body alarm

1. **Something feels big**
   noise, change, discomfort
2. **Brain notices**
   importance networks respond
3. **Body shifts**
   heart, breath, muscles may change
4. **Support lowers load**
   quiet, time, a clear plan

Try this

Pick one support to try: a quiet break, headphones, a picture of what comes next, fewer words, or asking for help.
Remember: I can say: “Too loud,” “I need a break,” or “Please explain it another way.”

A scripture to keep

“Come ye yourselves apart … and rest a while.”

Mark 6:31

A true thing about me

Breaks are okay. I can ask for help when things feel like too much.

The science, in plain words

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What this lesson means

A stress response is a normal body process, not proof that a child is choosing to misbehave. No one brain structure explains a meltdown or shutdown. Consider sensory load, communication access, surprise, pain, fatigue, and what happened just before the change.

A few supportive next steps

- Reduce immediate demands and make the environment safer and quieter when possible.
- Use short language or the child’s communication tool; allow processing and recovery time.
- After the moment, look for patterns with curiosity rather than blame.

Keep this in view

In my faith, I believe God designed our bodies with a capacity to heal through Him, in His name and in His timing, and gives each of us wisdom, tools, and direction for our unique journeys. A clinician can help us explore health questions.

Sources to explore

NIMH, Autism Spectrum Disorder

CDC, Treatment and Intervention for Autism

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