SCENARIO: FACILITATOR GUIDE

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Possible answers:

• Sequence turns so that a child who know how to perform a skill has the first turn.
• Use an uncommon or interesting utensil to mix or scoop.
• Let another child scoop first so that the bowl of batter is not too heavy.
• Arrange it so that a child does an easier step in the cooking process, such as adding ingredients.
• Let children stand while making muffins.
• Let one child stand by another who consistently models appropriate actions.
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