Teaching Yes/No: MODEL, MODEL!

As with just about anything you're trying to teach, it's critical to model yes/no! Demonstrate how you use yes/no as much as possible!

Some tips to try:

 Highlight your use of head nods or other yes/no response methods by verbally referencing your movements (e.g., I'm moving my head down and up. I'm saying yes!)

Use "think alouds" to give your child/student insight into

your decision process (e.g., hmmm...it's that the one I want? No, that's not it. I'm going to say no.)

 Model with another adult, sibling, or peer so your learner can observe the whole interaction without the all of the pressure of being involved.