## Good Night CUBE

Follow the instructions to make a cube. Every night before saying good night, toss the cube to ask each other a question.

(1)Print page 2 or 3 (you can print both to make two cubes). Cut on the dotted lines.

2Fold on the solid black lines to make a crease.


©Assemble into a cube by gluing or taping the sides together along the tabs. Do not glue final flap if you want to do step 4.

(4) Add a LED light (DO NOT USE A CANDLE), finger light or glow stick to have a glowing effect! Poke some small pin sized holes or "stars" for extra fun.

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## 1. START WITH YOURSELF

Before you tackle the bedtime routine, hit pause. Use the " 3 Center Check-In." Close your eyes and take a few deep, full breaths. Turn your attention inward like a beam of light and focus on each of these 3 areas:

- Head-What am I thinking? What am I aware of in my mind?
- Heart-What am I feeling? What am I aware of in my heart? Imagine you can breathe in and out of your heart.
- Body-What am I sensing? What sensations am I aware of in my body?



## 2. CREATE A SOOTHING ATMOSPHERE

Engage all five of your child's senses:

- Sight: dimmed lights, candles, reading Growth Mindset illustrated story
- Touch: warm bath, rubbing back, snuggling
- Smell: lotions, diffusers, essential oil, lavender shampoo

- Sound: soothing music, white noise, speaking in quiet voices, Iullabies
- Taste: mindful sip of cool water, notice the taste and sensation of toothpaste


## 3. CONNECT THROUGH RITUALS

- Say 3 things you love about each other ("What I love about you is...") and name a specific quality.
- Reflect on what went well today ("What is one good thing that happened today?") or choose 1-2 Cards from Big Life Journal's Three Seas Conversation Cards to discuss.
- Say goodnight to each other, the moon and stars, and those you both love.



## 4. FOCUS ON POSITIVES

To shift toward a growth mindset, make a list of positive bedtime affirmations with your kids. They might include:

- "My body knows just how to get comfortable and rest."
- "The light is low and perfect, just how I like it."
- "I feel relaxed in my body"
- "I have my sleeping music on."
- "I sleep well, and wake up feeling rested and ready for my day."
- "I grow my brain every time I sleep!"


## 5. LET THEM "OWN" THE ROUTINE

- Create a "checklist" of things that help them sleep--stuffed animal, comfortable room temperature, nightlight
- Make choices from limited options (which pair of pajamas, who wants to bathe first)
- Give specifics, like the exact number of books/songs/kisses they want
- Turn on soothing music and choose track
- "Pick a dream" to have tonight, or discuss their favorite ways to feel calm


