Some ideas about bed time:

- **Pick** three to five cards that best fit your family. Use the crayons to colour them in.
- **Post** the cards in a place for your child to see.
- · Create time.

Expect that going to bed is a process, and create space, from 15 minutes to half an hour.

...my mom
sat on my
bed and we
talked and
talked...

I remember that...

... my father used to read stories to us. He would tape them while he read. Then we would go to bed and listen to them as we fell asleep.

Every child in my family was different. One liked light. One wanted the door ajar. And for my youngest, the climber, I shut his door!

You have to know where they are and where their fears are.

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Bed Time Made Easier Cards

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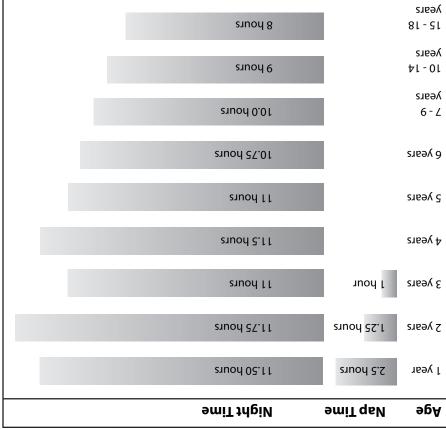


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Make bed time special.

Some parents use this time to:

- End the day on a positive note.
- Calm your child.
- Connect.
- Remember the good things of the day.
- Think about tomorrow's plans.
- Chat about what your child learned.
- Find out about friends.
- Tell a family story.
- Sing a favourite song.
- Rub your child's head, and hands and
- feet ... comforting and calming touch.

 What will you want your child to remember about their bedtime?

