## Year 3 Video Scripts - Big Kid Bed Ceremony

Many times, when a family is welcoming a new baby, one of the first supplies they make sure they have is the crib. That crib in a room just screams "nursery". Of all the baby gear you have, the crib is also one of the last things to go as your child grows. We all know that feeling when you realize your child has become too big for a crib. Maybe they climbed out by themselves, or maybe you have a new baby on the way, and they need the crib. As much as you hate to admit it, your baby is growing up, and it is time to move them to a new bed.

Regardless of whether you choose a toddler bed, twin bed, rails, no rails, race car bed, whatever...this is a huge milestone in your child's life! It is also a major adjustment for you as a parent. There is security in that crib. When you put them to bed, they stay put, and they are safe for the night. What if they fall out of the bed, what if they aren't ready, what if I'm not ready? It's a scary adjustment for you and them.

We want to help you to create a Family Experience to help you transition your child to their big kid bed. Maybe you have already taken this step, and maybe they're not ready yet. Either way, you can still participate. This Family Experience is called "The Big Kid Bed," and leads you in choosing scripture and prayers for them to literally lie down on each night.

This is a very exciting change. Every child at this age wants to be a big kid. What better symbol that you think they are a big kid than blessing them with a big kid bed. We will be providing you with three Kick-starters to lead you through this journey. They will help you to see the importance of this bed. The Kickstarters will cover dream time, sleep time and talk time and are expounded upon in our Kick-starter Guide. They will have guestions and activities for you to do with your child that set up the Family Experience. Once you have laid the foundations of why this bed is important, you are ready for the Age 3 Family Experience. The Parent Guide will give you step-by-step instructions on making this ceremony special.

Once your child's bed is in their room, you will decide how you want to incorporate the Family Experience. You can design this however you want. You may want to write on the slats of the bed or tuck verses under the mattress or in their pillowcase. We will give you some scriptures and samples of prayers to read, and that way you can choose the ones that appeal to you and your family. You can keep this a private experience or include others if you wish. We want the occasion of a new bed to be an exciting milestone for you and your child.

We chose this moment in their life because it is a significant turning point. They are not a baby anymore. We feel this Family





Experience can be a special time of growth, communication and prayer for your family as your child begins their own journey toward being a big kid.

