

Parents Guide to Bedtime Massage

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Why massage helps

Nervous System Support 01

Bonding 02

03 Better Sleep and falling asleep faster

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## Safety

- Do Not massage if your child has a fever, is on antibiotics or has any open wounds
- O2 Always use Gentle pressure
- child. Stop if they say NO

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## After Bath



- 1. Using Sleepy time balm, Start circular motions on their chest
- 2. On their belly, apply light pressure in a clockwise direction
- Gently knead arms, legs and feet in circular motions

\*\*Do not use balm on face or eyes and avoid the spine

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## Sleep Time

\*Play low, soft music or white noise



- 1. Start at the Ankles by placing your hands on your childs lower leg
- 2. Soft Rhythmic Squeezes
  moving upward towards the
  knee one second per squeeze
- 3. Glide back down with no pressure
- 4. Switch legs with the same steady flow
- 5. Continue to the feet, working with thumb compressions around the edges of foot then up the middle.

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- -keep in mind the smooth rhythmic motions of the massage with firm but gentle pressure
- \_Going slow will help with relaxing into sleep
- -It helps to think of how you would enjoy drifting off to sleep after a hard day working out your muscles
- -Always work with intention

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