

Moving to a New House

A free printable social story for ages 4-10

Moving is a major life transition, and young children often quietly worry that their toys, their room, or even their family will not come along. This story answers those unspoken fears directly. Start reading it a few weeks before the move and keep it in the rotation during the settling-in period.

My family is moving to a new house.

Moving means we will live in a different home.

Before we move, we put our things into boxes.

Our things are not going away. They are riding in a truck to the new house.

My toys, my clothes, and my bed will come with us.

Most importantly, my family comes with us. We stay together.

The new house will look different at first.

It might have new rooms, new smells, and new sounds.

New can feel exciting and a little scary at the same time.

It is okay to miss the old house. I can talk about it with my family.

Soon I will have my own space with my own things in the new house.

Little by little, the new house will start to feel like home.

Home is wherever my family is.

Tips for Reading This Story Together

- Pack your child's room last and unpack it first, setting up their bed and comfort items on night one.
- Let your child decorate their own moving box and carry a small essentials bag that never goes on the truck.
- Visit the new house or neighborhood beforehand if possible, or walk through photos and videos together.
- Keep daily routines, especially bedtime, identical through the move; routine is the anchor when everything else changes.

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