



# guided relaxation

## “Our Inner Kingdom”

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I'm going to tell you a story. Get comfortable. Close your eyes, and imagine that you're inside this story.

Take in a very deep breath and let it out slowly. As you continue to breathe deeply and calmly, think about something you do well. What do you really love to do? This is called a talent, and we all have something that we're really good at doing.

Now just feel those good feelings of doing what you enjoy and continue to focus on your breathing. Feel yourself getting lighter and lighter. Take another breath, and feel yourself rising up higher and higher. Take another breath, and feel yourself rising up so high that it feels like you're floating. Now keep breathing calmly, and fly through the sky, gliding around in the air.

When you're flying like this, if you want to go to a place, all you have to do is think of it. Think about a kingdom where everybody loves your talent. It's a special place where everyone admires you so very much for your special talent! You are like the queen or king of that castle!

As you approach the castle gates, you see a big banner that says, “We love you!” All of the townspeople are lined up on the side of the streets with flags and banners, and they're all cheering for you as you walk toward the gate. Everybody's shouting and saying, “You're awesome!” and “You're FANTASTIC!”

You walk toward the gate and go inside. A man in a funny looking suit is standing there to greet you. “Welcome to our kingdom!” he says. “You're our new ruler! We've been waiting for you!”

This kingdom is a place where they really love and admire people who can do all the awesome things that you can do, and since you do things so well, they want you to be the new ruler of their kingdom! All the people love you and desire to be like you. You are a role model and inspiration to every single person here! How does it feel knowing this? Perhaps you have a huge feeling of gratitude welling up in your heart!

You can come back to this kingdom any time you forget how amazing you are, and all the people here will remind you how incredible and amazing you are. For now, it's time to go back home, but you can carry all the wonderful feelings back with you and enjoy them every day.

Now, I'll tell you a secret about this kingdom of yours. The people from your kingdom - the people who think that you're amazing and awesome - are actually all around you! They're just kind of scattered in the waking world, so you might have to look for them. But if you keep being awesome and looking for those special people, you'll find a lot of people around you who know the truth of how special and wonderful you truly are!