I’m going to the Airport!

I’m flying to

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Before my trip,
I will pack my clothes and toys in a suitcase or backpack.
My family will help me pack.

I want to bring:

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The day of my trip,

I will arrive at the Indianapolis International Airport.
At the airport,

I will stop to check in at the ticket counter. If I am bringing any big suitcases, I will need to leave them with the person at the counter. This person will make sure my bag is returned to me when my airplane lands.

Remember!

It is very important that I stay close to my family at ALL times.
After I have my boarding pass,

I may have to wait in line at security.

I will put my shoes, anything in my pockets and my suitcase or backpack in bins. It is ok to take off my shoes. I can have them back after I pass through security.
I will place the bins on the rollers and they will pass through machines that lets the security guards look at my items.
When it is my turn,

I will walk through the security machines.

A security officer will tell me what to do.

It will be very quick, and there is nothing to be afraid of.
After I walk through the security machines, a security officer might need to search me. That means a security officer may pat me down (touch) to make sure I don’t have items that are not allowed on the plane.

Once I’m told that I am finished with the security screening, I will collect my items from the bins and put my shoes back on.
Now that I’m all done with security,
I can check the information screens to see if my airplane is on time and at what gate my airplane will be.
I will walk to the gate where the airplane will be.

To get there I will walk down a long hallway called a concourse. I will possibly walk on moving escalators. Then I will wait at the gate area until it is time to board the airplane.
If I have a long wait,

I may be able to get a snack, play or watch other airplanes.
When it’s time to get on the airplane,

I will stand in line and give my boarding pass to the person at the gate who will scan it and give it back to me.
When I get on the plane,
I will look for the seat number that matches my boarding pass. Someone will be there to help me find which seat is mine.

When I find my seat, I can put my backpack under the seat in front of mine. My suite case can be put in the bins above my seat.
Once my bags are in place,
I will sit in my seat and fasten my seat belt.

Shhhh
It is important to speak quietly while I am on the airplane. Some people will be trying to sleep or read, and we will all need to hear when the pilot or the flight attendants talks us on the intercom.
When everyone is seated,

The airplane will be ready for take-off. The Flight Attendant will be going over safety rules to follow while on the airplane.
The plane will go faster and faster down the runway until it lifts into the air. It will go far up into the sky so my ears might start to feel funny. Chewing gum and swallowing a lot can make my ears feel better.

Once the flight attendants say it is okay, I can play my video games or music. Or I can read books, color or take a nap. I also might get a snack on the plane.
The pilot will announce when we are about to land.

I will turn off my video games and put them in my backpack.

The airplane will land and stop. Once the airplane lands and the flight attendants say it is okay, I will unbuckle my seatbelt and gather my bags.

I will wait while other people are getting off the airplane.
When I get off the plane,
I will go to the baggage claim to get my suite case that I checked in at the other airport.
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