



Four Keys for Practicing Faith

Caring Conversations:

Take turns completing these sentences:

- New driver: Something I look forward to being able to do now that I can drive is...
- Experienced driver(s): Something I learned after driving for a few years was....

Act out the **What to Do in Case of an Accident** situation found on the last page.

Devotions:

This is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall not teach one another or say to each other, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest. For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more." In speaking of "a new covenant," he has made the first one obsolete. And what is obsolete and growing old will soon disappear. Hebrews 8:10-13 (NRSV)

- Discuss how this agreement relates to a covenant between new drivers and their families about new responsibilities that come with driving.
- Read the Sample Covenant (Word document) and edit to fit for your family. Print and sign the covenant.

Service:

Talk about the type of help a new driver may need with certain responsibilities, such as car maintenance. Plan a time to teach/learn the basics of washing the car, changing tires, oil, spark plugs, filters, etc. The ability to drive opens the door to new service opportunities. Talk about the kinds of things you can do to help others when you have a driver's license. For example, consider volunteering as a family with Meals

on Wheels. <https://activegenerations.org/health-fitness/nutrition-program/meals-on-wheels/volunteer-for-meals-on-wheels/>

Rituals and Traditions:

Talk about starting a tradition every time someone heads out the door with the car keys. You could say, "I love you" or "God go with you." Talk about the importance of knowing where each person is going and when they will be back.

Pray for the new driver: Dear Lord, having a new responsibility in our lives can be both exciting and overwhelming. We ask for your guidance as _____ enters a new world of independence. Help them to be wise in their choices and always mindful of your love and care when in the car, in their homes, and in the community. In Jesus' name. Amen.

What to Do in Case of an Accident

Roles needed:

Driver #1, Driver #2, Witness, Police Officer

Set up an imaginary intersection with a stop sign. One car travels down the road and fails to stop at the sign and collides with the other car. A pedestrian sees the accident happen. The drivers decide it's best to move the cars out of the way of traffic. They call the police. While waiting, they exchange insurance information, but don't exchange phone numbers or get the name of the witness. When the officer arrives, one driver argues that it was the other driver's fault, and that person deserves a ticket. The officer issues tickets and the cars are towed away.

Talk about:

- What did the actors do right?
- What did the actors do wrong?

Give Driver #1 and Driver #2 a copy of this In Case of an Accident card. These cards could be laminated and kept in a wallet to help at the time of an accident, when people are shaken and not thinking clearly.

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Repeat the scenario above with the drivers using the In Case of an Accident cards.