

MILESTONE

Getting Your
**DRIVER'S
LICENSE**



RECEIVING A DRIVER'S LICENSE is one of the first major freedoms your child will experience. It represents independence, trust, and the ability to make countless decisions without you sitting in the passenger seat. While this milestone is exciting, it's also an opportunity to remind them that freedom isn't about doing whatever you want, instead it's about learning to wisely steward the trust you've been given.

MAKE IT STICK

Hand Them the Keys with a Blessing

Before they take their first solo drive, gather your family, pray over them, and speak words of encouragement and blessing. Make receiving the keys more than a transaction, make it a commissioning!

Build Their First Car Kit

Together, fill a small emergency kit with jumper cables, a flashlight, first aid supplies, a phone charger, a blanket, bottled water, and a handwritten note reminding them that no matter where they are, home is only a phone call away.

Hide Encouragement Throughout the Car

Place handwritten notes or favorite Scriptures in the glove box, visor, center console, or trunk. They'll likely find them when they need them most.

Take the First Road Trip

Let them drive the family on a memorable day trip. Celebrate the milestone while helping them gain confidence behind the wheel together.

TALK ABOUT IT

- **Wisdom:** Every decision behind the wheel affects not only you, but everyone around you. How can you honor God through the choices you make?
- **Trust:** This license represents trust that has been earned. Talk about how trust is built over time and protected through wise decisions.
- **Responsibility:** Discuss curfews, passengers, distractions, and the importance of keeping your word when it comes to family expectations.
- **Stewardship:** Teach them basic car care (fuel, oil changes, tire pressure, maintenance, and caring for what God has entrusted to them).

A NEW RESPONSIBILITY

Choose one responsibility they'll fully manage moving forward. Ideas include:

- Keeping the vehicle clean.
- Paying for gas.
- Scheduling oil changes.
- Tracking maintenance.
- Driving younger siblings when appropriate.
- Being the dependable family member who is always on time.

BLESSING THEM

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for this exciting new season of independence. As they travel new roads, remind them that You are always with them. Give them wisdom in every decision, patience when others are careless, and self-control when distractions arise.

Protect them wherever they go. Help them value every life they encounter and never take lightly the responsibility they've been given.

May they always know that while roads may lead them far from home, they are never beyond Your presence or our love.

Amen.