





Happy Summer Everyone,



We know that this summer, families like yours at some point in time are going to be in your car with kids and that's why we created this resource.




This Travel Kit is one of the ways we want to empower you as parents to spend intentional time with your kids this summer, talk about Jesus, and have fun in the process. Inside of this Travel Kit, you will find the following items. There is also room for you to add your own stuff into these Travel Kits to make them your own.




Travel Kit includes:

Car Bingo Cards
Conversation Starters
10 Travel Tips



We want to help you leverage some of that time and our hope and prayer for you this summer is that your family will know each other a bit better, have some good laughs and make memories that will last. This Travel Kit is just one part of what Village Kids is doing this summer, so make sure you check out [ThisisVillageChurch.com/summerfun](https://thisisvillagechurch.com/summerfun) for more information.



Have a Fantastic Summer,
The Village Kids Team



Family Car Games:

Directions: Use the following card to have some fun while on your road trip or whenever your family is on a long drive. A good practice would be to play when you feel everyone needs a break from their screens.

20 Questions: One person secretly thinks of either an animal, mineral, or vegetable. The other players then take turns asking yes-or-no questions, such as "Can it fly?" or "Does it grow in the ground?" After the players have asked 20 questions, each player gets a chance to make a guess. Whoever guesses correctly can think of the next thing.

Alphabet Game: One person picks a category (food, bands, cars, etc.) then names something in that category that starts with the letter A. Then the next person has to come up with a word starting with B in the same category. The goal is to see if you can get through the whole alphabet together.

Cows on My Side: Each person picks a side of the car to watch out for cows. When you see a cow on your side of the road, you have to yell, "Cows on my side!" Every time you call a cow, you get a point. If you see cows on the other side, you say, "Cows on your side!". If you call "Cows on your side" before the person sees them, you steal a point. Finally, if anyone sees a cemetery, scream "Ghost cow," they steal all the other side's points.

Animal Name Game: One person names an animal. Each person, in order, has to name another animal (no repeating!) that starts with the last letter of the previous animal named. There are no winners or losers in this game. With older children, try the game with TV shows or geographical categories such as cities or countries.

Going on a Picnic: This is a story memory game where someone says, "I'm going on a picnic, and I am going to bring...," and then lists an item. Then the next person begins, "I'm going on a picnic, and I am going to bring...," and must list the first person's item before adding their own item. The list grows and grows, and the first person to not correctly list all the items loses.

One Rule: Everyone in the car gets to make one nonsense rule, like "Every time we go under a bridge, everyone needs to bark like a dog" or "Whenever I put my hat on, everyone has to touch the roof of the car." Every time a rule is enforced, everyone but the last person to catch on gains a point. Whoever has the least points when you get to your destination loses.

Story Time: The first person starts with "Once upon a time..." and offers a complete sentence, then the second person adds to the story with their sentence. This continues with each person until the story concludes. You can either set a time limit (15 minutes) or make the goal to complete the story after each person has a chance to say 3 sentences. Consider recording the story so you can rewatch it later.

"I Spy": The road trip classic. One person says, "I spy with my little eye something that is..." and then vaguely describes something they see, like "I spy something red." The other players take turns asking yes or no questions until they can guess what the item is.

Conversation Starters:

Directions: Use the following questions to spark conversations as a family as you travel on your adventures. Don't do them all at once but instead, pick one or two at a time. A great time to use these is during meal and snack breaks.

Basic Questions

- If you won \$1,000.00, what would you do with it?
- If you could change your name, what would you be called?
- Who is the nicest person you know, and why are they nice?
- What is your best family vacation memory you remember and why?
- What are your favourite meals for breakfast, lunch and dinner?
- Who is your favourite singer? Can you sing/play one of their songs for us?
- What makes you happy and why?
- If you could change one thing about your day today, what would it be?
- What is your favourite game or toy, and why?
- If you were an ice cream flavour, what would you be and why?

Would You Rather...

- Live in the mountains or on the beach, why?
- Eat bugs or eat plants for the rest of your life?
- Have an elephant-sized cat or a cat-sized elephant?
- Have one book to read all summer or one day to read a whole book?
- Have an eye in the middle of your forehead or two noses?
- Have a pet dinosaur or a pet dragon?
- Drink sour milk or eat rotten eggs?
- Eat a dead spider or a live worm?
- Be friends with Superman or Spiderman?
- Eat donuts or candy for the rest of your life?

Riddles

1. What comes down but never goes up?
2. What has to be broken before you can use it?
3. Marie's parents have three daughters. One is called Lara, the other one is Sara. What is the name of the third daughter?
4. What has hands but cannot clap?
5. Where do you find an ocean with no water?
6. What is full of holes but still holds water?
7. What word becomes shorter when you add 2 extra letters to it?
8. What has a neck but no head?
9. What can you catch but never throw?
10. I am an odd number. Take away a letter, and I become even. What number am I?

*1. rain, 2. an egg, 3. Marie, 4. a clock, 5. on a map,
6. a sponge, 7. short, 8. a bottle, 9. a cold, 10. seven*

A Little Deeper

- You have been stranded on a deserted island, and you can only choose 5 of the items listed below. Decide on your own which items you would keep and why. Share and debate with the rest of your travel companions.

Bottle, lighter, Paper, Bow, Hammock, Chocolate Bar, Rope, Fishing Net, Chewing Gum, Knife, Magazine, Dog, Sunscreen, Spear, Bitten Apple, iPhone, A Friend, Plastic Bag, Book, Arrows.

- Decide together whether the world is going to keep pancakes or waffles, and the other is to be obliterated from existence. Everyone can say which is their favourite choice, and ultimately, you must have a vote of the majority to make the decision. Once you have voted, the winner goes against the next item on the list. If you are the card reader, DO NOT reveal the listed items coming next.

Pancakes vs. Waffles

_____ vs. Bacon, Burgers, Milk, Ice Cream, Flowers, Bicycles, Cars, Pants, Utensils, Dogs, Books, Shoes, Furniture, Toothbrush.

Top 10 Travel Tips

Directions: The following are just a few travel tips from us to you. Hopefully, they spark some ideas and we hope your travels are full of fun and adventures.

Drive at Night: This is helpful if your kids are 2 years old and under and can make for a peaceful experience. Keeping babies or toddlers occupied for even a couple of hours at a time is never easy. Sleeping children means that the adults can have some dedicated time to chat and enjoy each other's company.

Leave Bright and Early: Some parents swear by the early morning wake-up call for mastering the road trip. For longer road trips (10-plus hours), it's often easiest to leave in the middle of the night.

Take Care of the Driver: While happy kids are important, a safe driver is also essential. Make sure the driver is happy and has all they need to be focused on the road. It's also super helpful to give the main driver a break from time to time, meaning stopping for a quick 10-minute nap or have another person take over driving for a while.

Give Up the Wingman: While having someone in the passenger seat is nice for navigation and company, it might be better to put an adult in the back with the kids for at least part of the trip. This will make playing games or simply chatting with the kids a lot easier, especially when your kids are still riding in car seats that face backward in the car.

Don't Overload on Electronics: Movies and travel apps are great, but this is the perfect opportunity to help your kids find more imaginative ways to entertain themselves. It's 100% okay to let them get bored; it's an opportunity for their imaginations to kick into gear. Bring along a Road Trip Kit to supply them with some fun, non-electronic options.

Get Crafty: Craft supplies are super easy to pack and can keep kids occupied for hours. Most kids love to draw, create, and experiment with craft supplies. Check out the Family Travel Kit from Village Church for some great craft supply ideas.

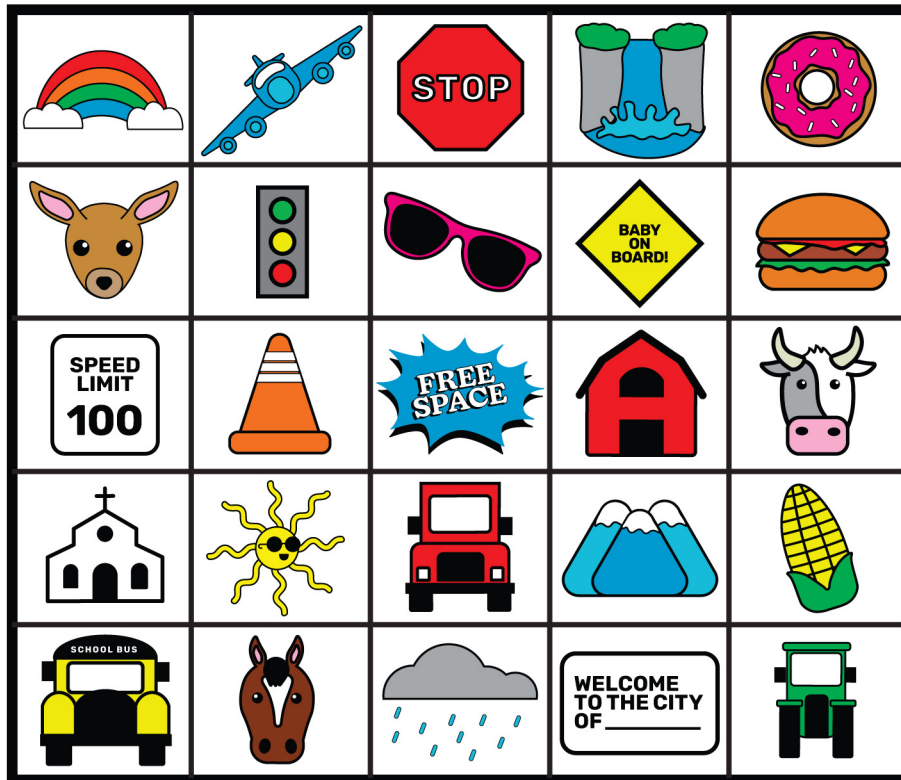
Spend Quality Time with the Kids: Kids often want their parents' undivided attention. Being stuck in a car or plane for several hours is an excellent opportunity to meet that need as a parent. Doing things with them like crafts, reading stories or playing silly games will go a long way to fill the time and build memories with your kids.

Pack Healthy - Not-So-Messy Snacks: Skip the drive-thru and pack healthier homemade foods and snacks. Packing a picnic lunch means you can stop anywhere if needed or eat in the car while driving. When you do stop, kids can run around and be active. Snacks are a huge deal for road trips. Healthy snacks tend to make happy kids, but remember, you're on vacation, so not too healthy!

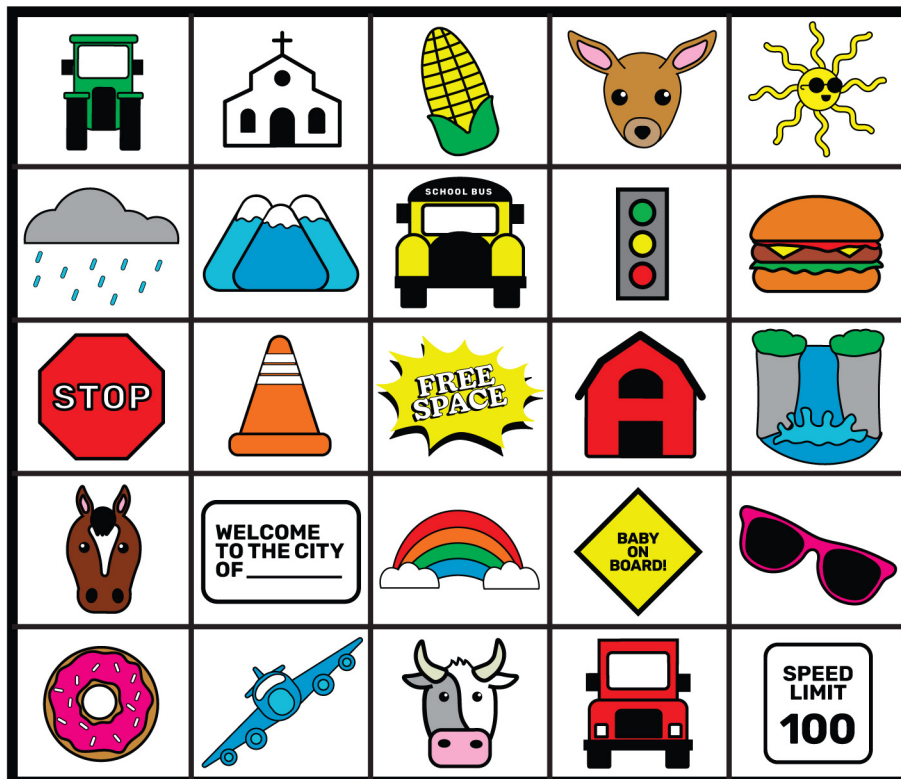
Plan Your Stops: Preplan your rest stops. Do a little research on your route and find great roadside attractions, unique local eateries, and other spots that might interest your family to make a good pit stop (historic sites, parks, lakes or even nearby coffee shops). Another idea can be stopping at a playground for 20 minutes during your road trip. It will do wonders for everyone.

Be Prepared for Emergencies: We're not just talking about an emergency stash of lollipops for a sugar crash. Make sure you have a roadside emergency kit stocked with extra food, water, blankets, and first aid supplies, especially during winter travel. You can use Ziploc bags to hold soiled clothing or even your kids' #2 if needed. Also, keep a copy of important contact information like pediatricians, relatives, and roadside assistance.

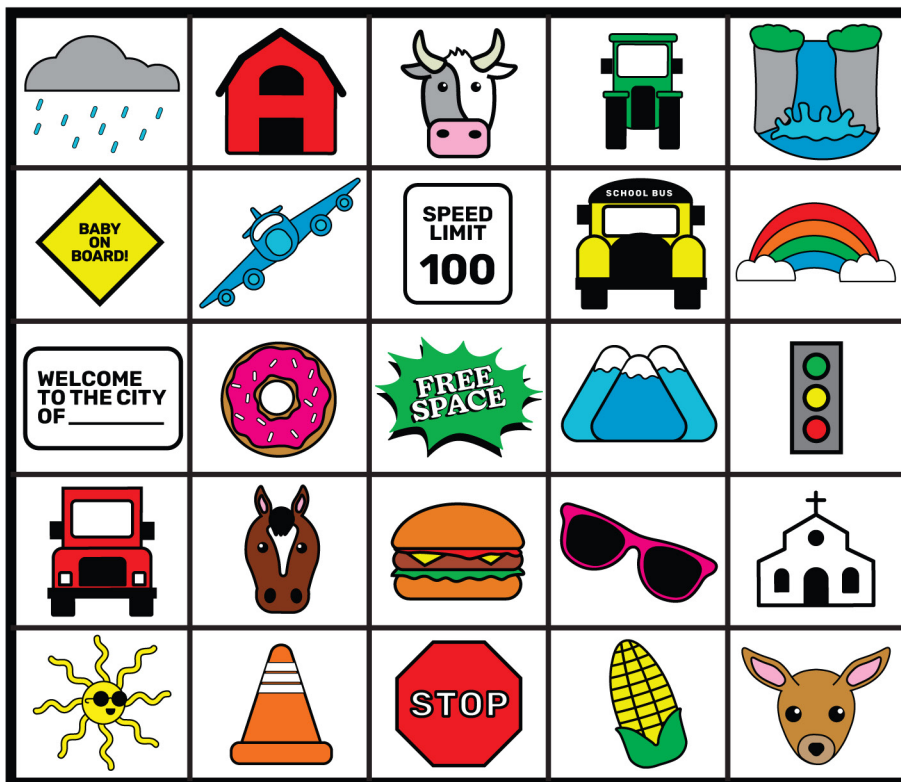
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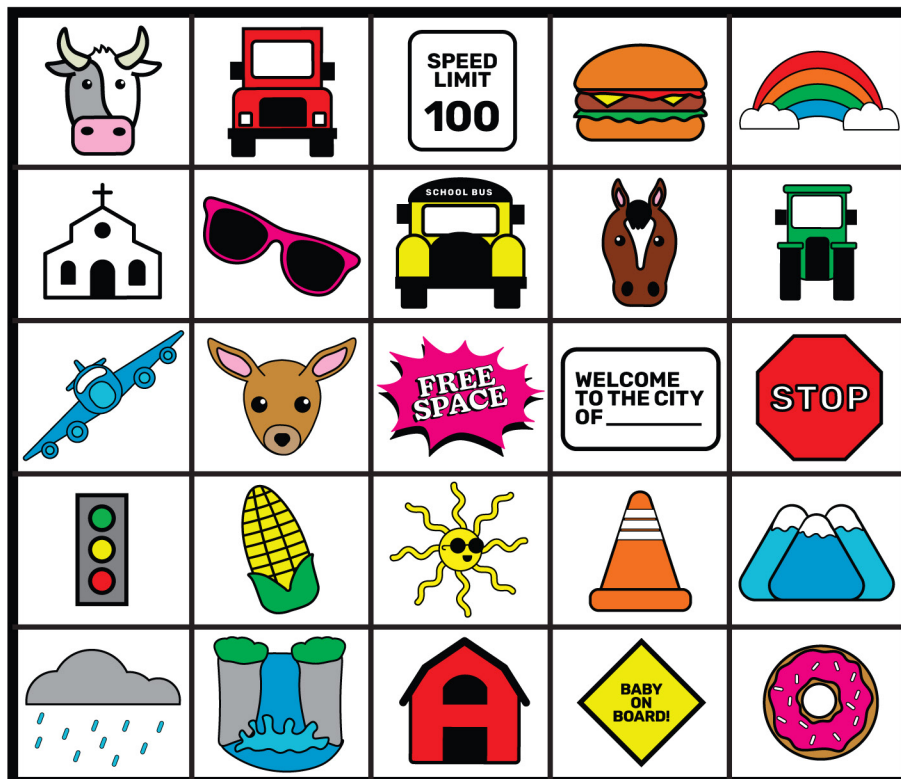
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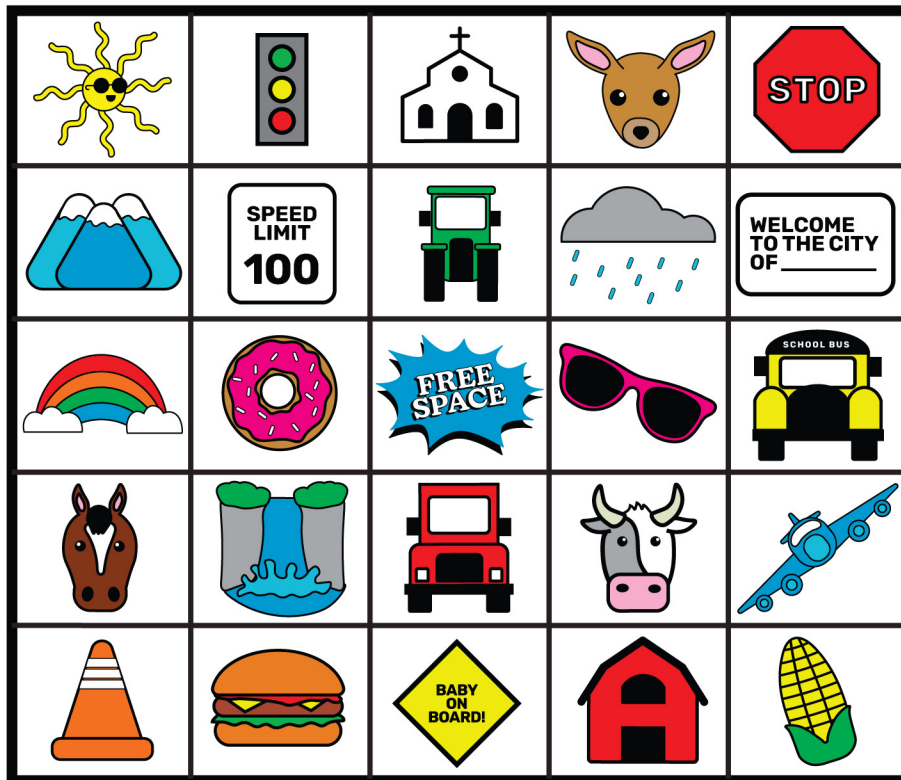
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