

12 Outrageously Fun Road Trip Ideas for OLDER Kids

Are you planning a road trip with elementary kids, tweens, or teens? These outrageously fun ideas are perfect for family vacations, Sunday School outings, or long drives with your youth group. Just make sure that your kids are looking out the window frequently when they are involved in these games so that they do not become car sick.

1. Alphabet Game

This is an old game, but lots of fun to play! Look for the letters of the alphabet, in order, as a family or group. Start with "A". When someone sees an "A" on a road sign, license plate, etc., they call out that letter. Then, everyone moves on to looking for a "B".

2. Memorize a Verse

All of that time in a car can be put to good use memorizing a verse. So, grab those Awana books or decide on a verse or passage that you would like to work on memorizing with your family while you drive.

3. Silly Fold and Draw Game

Fold a piece of paper into rectangles. Have one person start a drawing in the rectangle at the top of the page. When they are finished, they hand the paper to the next person. The next person fills in the second rectangle, adding to the first person's drawing.

Then, the second person folds the paper so that only their rectangle and the empty rectangles below are exposed.

Each person takes a turn drawing, but they are only able to see the rectangle and drawing immediately above their own. Continue passing the paper until the last rectangle is used. Unfold the paper and see how your group drawing turned out!

4. Silly Fold and Write Game

This game proceeds in the same way as the Fold and Draw Game, but instead of drawing, you are writing a story. The first person fills in the first prompt if necessary, finishes the sentence in the second rectangle, then begins a new sentence in that same rectangle, adding more detail to the story. He then folds the paper so that only his own rectangle can be seen. The next person writes in the next rectangle, finishing the sentence from the rectangle above and starting his own sentence. He then folds the paper so that only his own rectangle can be seen. Continue playing until the story is completed. Unfold the story and read it out loud. (There are several silly story starts in the Long Car Dive Printable Pack.)

5. Read a Book or Listen to an Audio Story

A long car drive is a great time to enjoy a story together!

6. Take along a Book of Riddles or Jokes

7. ABC's Memory Game

Another old game! Start by saying, "I am going on a vacation, and I am going to take... (eat, smell, whatever!). Fill in the blank with an item that starts with an "A". ("I am going on a vacation, and I am going to eat an 'Apple'".) The next person must repeat this phrase, including the "a" word and a "b" word. ("I am going on a vacation, and I am going to eat an Apple, and a Banana.") See how long you can keep this going until someone forgets an item or gets confused.

8. Squiggle Drawings

Have one person make a random squiggle drawing on a blank piece of paper. Hand it to the next person and see if they can make a discernible drawing out of it.

9. "I See" Challenge

Print and make copies of the "I See" Challenge pages from the Long Car Drive Printable Pack. Each person tries to be the first to "call" an item on the list so that they can mark it off their list. The person to have "called" and marked off the most items at the end of the trip or within the allotted time wins.

10. Make a Printable Notebook

Path Through the Narrow Gate has several printable notebook activities which are perfect for a long trip. These notebooks include crossword puzzles, word searches, and other games relating to Bible verses. They are great for elementary aged students. You can find them here.

11. Purchased Games

Purchased games can also make a car ride more endurable.

Some games you might want to consider are Sudoku, Scattegories, Crossword puzzles, or a book of Mad Libs.

12. Snacks

Don't forget the snacks! Teddy Grahams, Sunflower Seeds, Dried Fruit, Gummy Packs, Nuts, Juice Packs, Granola Bars, and Cookies are all good things to have on hand. Pack them in individual ziplock snack bags so that they are easy to toss them toward the back seat. If you have a cooler, consider including cheese and summer sausage bags or chocolate milk boxes for protein.

I Spy List

Call each item as you see it. First person to call the item gets to mark it off their list. (For example, you see a poodle in a car. If you call it first, mark "dog" off your list. That dog is now taken, and no one else can mark it off their lists. Five minutes later, your brother may see someone walking a beagle. He can then call it and mark "dog" off his list. If someone sees a picture of a dog on a billboard, that counts, too.) If you don't think that someone's answer is valid, take it to a vote. The person to have the most items marked off their list at the end of the trip or within the allotted time wins.

_____ traffic cone

_____ bicyclist

_____ Corvette

_____ Family Bumper
Stickers

_____ airport sign

_____ the word "mobile"

_____ Someone Sleeping

_____ Cow

_____ yellow truck

_____ rest stop

_____ Dog Bumper Sticker

_____ "scenic"

_____ Volkswagon Beetle

_____ someone yawning

_____ Bull

_____ Fruit Stand

_____ curvy road sign

_____ a river

_____ Boat

_____ Orchard

_____ dog

_____ RV (recreational vehicle)

_____ Bridge

_____ Sky Scraper

_____ vulture

_____ moving van

_____ Someone Eating

_____ Jeep

_____ Mustang

_____ a horse

_____ Ladder

_____ Church

_____ the word "united"

_____ "Deer Crossing" Sign

_____ Motorcycle

_____ People Going
Camping

_____ police car

_____ Cowboy Hat

_____ Mcdonalds

_____ hospital sign

_____ Gray Mini Van

_____ "international" or "Int'l"

_____ Someone Reading

_____ coffee

_____ Someone who waves back

_____ church

_____ Train

When I grow up, I want to be a _____ because...

My favorite game to play is _____ because...

That is why I want to be a _____ when I grow up.

That is why _____ is my favorite game to play.

The worst subject in school is _____ because...

If I saw some bank robbers robbing a bank, I would...

That is why _____ is the worst subject in school.

That is how I would stop those robbers.

If I was standing near an elephant when he farted, I would...

If a moose started chasing me, I would...

That is what I would do if I smelled an elephant's fart.

That is how I get away from that moose.

The scariest animal in the world is a _____ because it can

If I could have any pet in the world, I would want a _____ because

That is why a _____ is the scariest animal in the world.

That is why I would want a _____ for a pet.

One day I went to the music store and
bought a ...

One day I went to the zoo and saw...

That is why I love shopping at the
_____ store.

That is why you should go to the zoo to see a
_____.

One night I had a crazy dream about ...

The most embarrassing day of my life
was the day I ...

That is why I like to dream about _____
when I fall asleep.

That is why you should always ...

The worst meal I ever ate was...

The present I would most like to get for
my birthday is a ...

That is why you should always eat

That is why _____ make the best
birthday presents.







