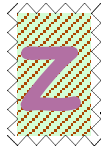


Friendship Deeds, From A-Z



Zoom on Back to the “A” Track!

Psalm 25:15

“My eyes always look to the Lord. He alone can set my feet free from the trap.”

Well, it’s finally here! Yup—sweet sixteen has arrived, and now you get your long-awaited driver’s license. You passed all the driving tests with flying colors, and your parents think that you’re ready to drive. Before you take your first trip out to your friends’ house to celebrate the big day, your dad gives you one piece of advice: “Remember what you’ve learned, kid. Keep your eyes on the road and your hands on the wheel. And by all means, if you get into a situation where you don’t know what to do, call home immediately.” “Of course, no problem,” you shout out the window as you drive off and honk your horn. You’re not too far down the road of your shining moment, however, and your right front tire goes flat. What now?

This is how it will be with friendship, young friends. You’ve grown up a ton and have had a lot of success zipping through this alphabet. By golly, you might even be ready for a license! It won’t be long, however, and something could come along and bring everything you know to a screeching halt! So what do you do then?

When problems come up or questions arise, zOOm on back to the “A” track. Ask God what to do. Ask your parents what they think. Review your friendship alphabet often. Take your foot off the gas pedal and pull off to the side. Put your eyes on Jesus, who has so much more to teach You than any book can. Listen to what Hebrews 12:2a has to say: *“Let us keep looking to Jesus. He is the author of faith. He also makes it perfect.”*

As you keep looking up, you’ll know what to do zooming forward. Just be sure to put your seatbelt on!

Discuss the following questions with your parent/s:

- 1. What questions do you think could come up in friendship down the road that haven’t come up yet?**
- 2. Just as you have to stop at a red light when you’re driving a car, do you think there will be red lights that come up with your friends? If so, what might they be and what do you do when you see them?**
- 3. Can you think of a time when you were having problems with a friend or family member and you stopped to talk to God about it? Did it help you?**

Round and round our story goes, where it stops? God surely knows!