

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL DEVOTION ~ BORROWING THE CAR

KEY VERSE:

“Guard what has been entrusted to your care. Turn away from godless chatter and the opposing ideas of what is falsely called knowledge.” (1 Timothy 6:20)

ILLUSTRATION:

Cindy was ecstatic as she stood looking at her new driver’s license. She had been anticipating this moment for a long time. This was the best birthday present ever! Today was the first day that Cindy had been eligible to get her driver’s license, and she had taken her driver’s tests and passed. It was incredible!

“Mom , can I have the car tonight?” she asked as she proudly drove home.

“Well, i suppose you can,” her mother said after giving it some consideration. “But you need to be home by nine. After all, this is a school night, you know.”

That night after dinner, Cindy picked up the keys to the car and walked toward the door. “I’ll be back by nine, Mom, I promise,” she said over her shoulder.

“Be careful!” her mother shouted.

After picking up a few friends, Cindy headed for the mall. Everyone was excited because Cindy was the first of their friends to get a driver’s license. As the group was talking and enjoying their newfound freedom, Cindy glanced to the backseat - for just a moment - to say something to one of her friends. As she did, the car drifted to the right and slammed into a car parked on the street.

Fortunately, no one was seriously hurt, but both cars were badly damaged. Cindy was afraid of what her parents might say or do.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. How might Cindy’s mom act toward Cindy in light of the car accident?
2. What does age have to do with maturity?
3. How does making mistakes affect the development of maturity?
4. How do we know when someone is mature enough to handle new responsibilities?
5. What will it take for Cindy’s mom to trust her with the car again?

ADDITIONAL SCRIPTURES:

Psalm 119:105

Proverbs 19:18

1 Corinthians 13:11

James 1:2-5