



Super Street Crosser!

Classroom Guide

Five steps to cross any street safely, every single time

CASEL Competency: Responsible Decision-Making

Grade Level: Pre-K–2

Duration: 40–50 minutes

Category: Safety Magic

Learning Objectives

- Memorize the 5 steps: STOP at the edge, LOOK left-right-left, LISTEN for engines, WALK straight, KEEP LOOKING
- Understand why streets are dangerous even when they look empty
- Practice pedestrian safety through role-play and simulation
- Know the difference between safe crossing spots and dangerous ones

Overview & Preparation

Key Vocabulary

Crosswalk • Intersection • Pedestrian • Signal • STOP • LOOK • LISTEN • WALK • Edge • Traffic

Materials Needed

- The personalized story
- Tape or chalk for "crosswalk"
- Toy cars or pictures
- Traffic light cutout
- Paper and crayons

Before Reading

Connection Question

How do you cross the street? What steps do you take to make sure it's safe?

Background Building

Streets are rivers of metal and speed. In this story, the hero learns to be a "Super Street Crosser" with 5 powerful steps: 1. STOP at the edge (never step off the curb without stopping). 2. LOOK left, right, then left again. 3. LISTEN for engines you can't see. 4. WALK in a straight line (don't run, don't zigzag). 5. KEEP LOOKING while you cross. Practice these 5 steps at every crossing until they're automatic.

During Reading — Pause Points

- **When the hero stops at the curb edge instead of just walking into the street** — STOP! The hero stopped at the edge. Why is the curb like a wall you should never cross without thinking?
- **When the hero looks left-right-left** — Why LEFT first? Why look left AGAIN? What might have changed while you were looking right?
- **When the hero crosses walking straight and keeps looking** — Walk, don't run! And keep looking! Why is a straight line and continued attention important?

Discussion Questions

1. The hero stops at every curb, even quiet streets. Why? Can't you see if a car is coming?

↳ What about driveways? Parking lots? Where else do cars appear unexpectedly?

2. LOOK left-right-LEFT. Why the second left? What might have changed?

↳ What about cars turning corners? Can they surprise you?

3. LISTEN is a step most people forget. What can you HEAR that you can't SEE?

↳ What sounds mean a car is coming?

4. WALK, don't run. Why? Isn't faster safer?

↳ What happens when you run? (Trip, can't see as well, can't change direction)

Facilitation Tips

Create a "street" simulation in the classroom or gym with tape. Practice the 5 steps physically. Muscle memory is crucial for pedestrian safety. If possible, practice at a real crosswalk near the school.

Emotional Payoff

The hero transforms into a "Super Street Crosser" — someone who crosses with confidence because they have a system. The 5 steps become automatic, and every crossing becomes a moment of competence, not anxiety.

After Reading Activities

Classroom Crosswalk Simulation

Duration: 15 min | Materials: Tape for crosswalk lines, toy cars, traffic light cutout

Create a "street" with tape. Children practice crossing: STOP, LOOK, LISTEN, WALK, KEEP LOOKING. A classmate "drives" a toy car to simulate traffic. Practice until the 5 steps are automatic.

5 Steps Song

Duration: 10 min | Materials: None

Create a rhythm or song for the 5 steps. Clap and chant: "STOP at the edge! LOOK left right left! LISTEN for engines! WALK straight across! KEEP LOOKING, keep looking!" Repeat until memorized.

Safe Crossing Spotter

Duration: 10 min | Materials: Picture cards of crossing scenarios

Show pictures: crosswalk with signal (SAFE), middle of the block (NOT SAFE), parking lot exit (CAREFUL), school crossing with guard (SAFE). Practice identifying: where is it safe to cross? Where should you NEVER cross?

Writing Prompts

- Write and illustrate the 5 steps. Draw yourself doing each one.
- Design a "Super Street Crosser" badge. What does a Super Street Crosser always do?
- Draw a safe crossing spot and a dangerous crossing spot. Label the differences.

Home Connection

Family Letter

Dear Families,

Today we became "Super Street Crossers!" Your child learned the 5 steps: STOP, LOOK left-right-left, LISTEN, WALK straight, KEEP LOOKING. Please practice these steps at EVERY crossing this week. Repetition builds the muscle memory that keeps children safe.

Here is how you can continue this learning at home:

- Practice the 5 steps at every street crossing this week — SAY them out loud together
- Let your child "lead" the crossing (with you right there) to build confidence
- Point out: driveways, parking lots, and other unexpected places where cars appear

With warmth,

Your Child's Teacher

Related Books

- Look Left, Look Right, Look Left Again by Gail Herman
- Officer Buckle and Gloria by Peggy Rathmann
- Safety First! by Paul Shortino
- Strega Nona by Tomie dePaola