

Discussion Questions

Instructions for the Parenting Instructor:

The discussion questions are a tool to help you to enrich your relationship with your client. They help to promote discussion on the topic of the lesson, and they will help you to better understand the heart of your client and her needs. This is accomplished through sharing, connecting, and caring.

1. Do not give this page to your client. It is only for your reference when talking to your client.
2. The tips written below each question help you to know what to listen for or how to start the conversation if you have a reserved or quiet client.
3. Find ways to affirm your client, and gently guide the conversation.

1. What concerns you the most about installing your child's car seat yourself?

Installing a car seat is scary. A child's safety and life depends on installing it and using it correctly. Listen to your client's concerns about installing their car seat. If they need help, direct them to <https://www.nhtsa.gov/parents-and-caregivers> to find a local car seat inspector or installer. Help your client find car seat information in their vehicle owner's manual. Share with them how you kept your children safe while driving.

2. What would you do if your child began crying or having a fit while you were driving?

Answers may vary. Some answers might be, to pull off the road to find out why the child is crying and to give comfort. Or try to comfort the child by talking or singing from the driver's seat. But if the crying doesn't stop or becomes distracting, they should pull over. Share with your client the things you did when your children began crying while you were driving.

3. Do you ever feel there is a time when you would consider holding your child on your lap while driving? Why or why not?

There is never an acceptable time to drive without first securing a child in their car seat. Even if the trip is just around the block 1. It is illegal. 2. The child could be ejected from the car in an accident or harmed by the airbag deploying. 3. It is impossible to safely hold onto a child in an accident. Help your client understand the importance of properly using a car seat.