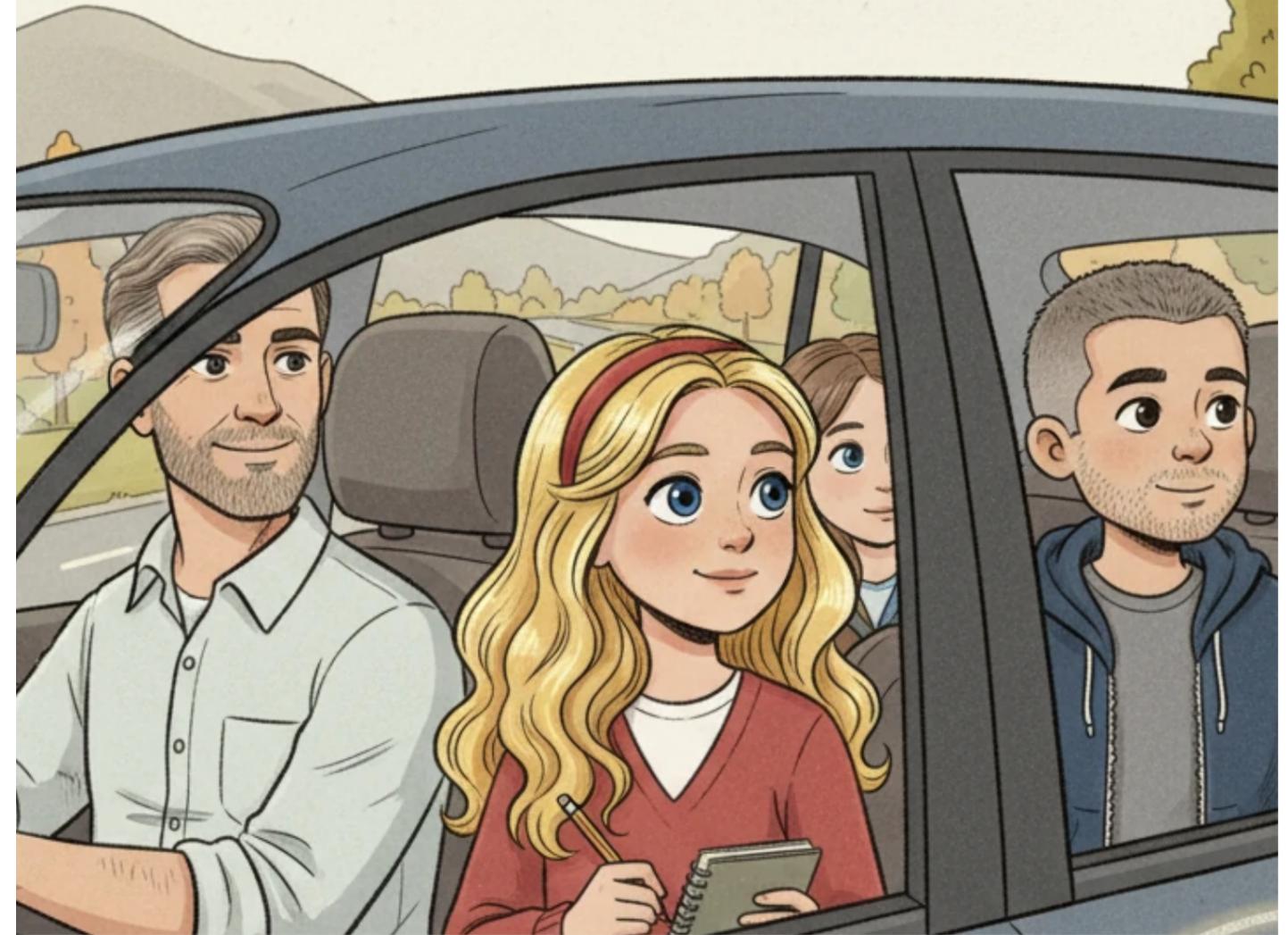


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Ana and Ben sit comfortably in the backseat of their father's car as they begin their journey home from school. The sun shines brightly over the suburban road, and the children look out the windows, curious about how the car moves through the streets.



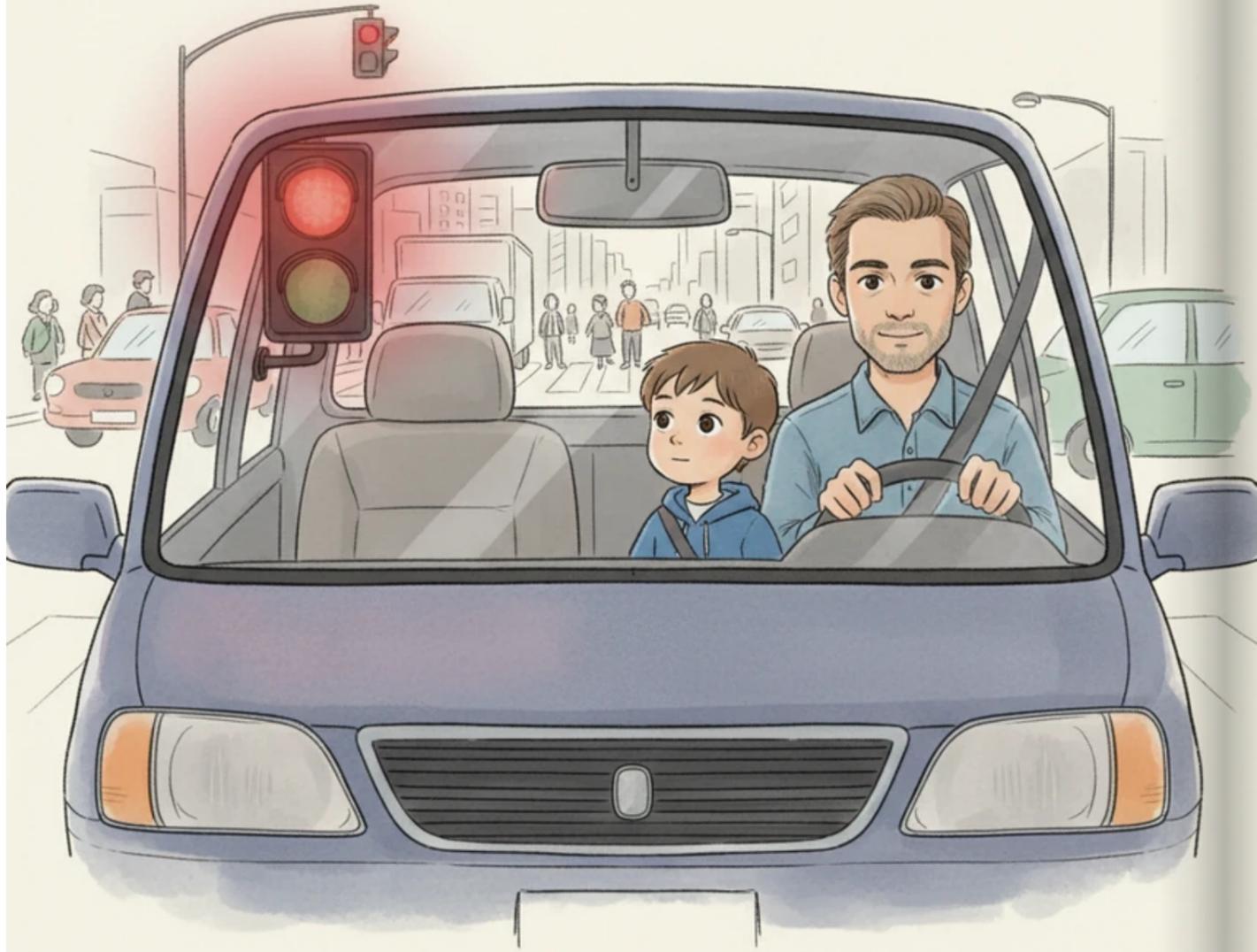
As the traffic light at the intersection turns a bright green, their father gently presses the gas pedal. The car begins to speed up, and the children feel a light pressure against their seats as the vehicle experiences acceleration.



A pedestrian waits at a crosswalk ahead, prompting their father to press the brake pedal firmly but carefully. The car slows down smoothly, demonstrating deceleration to ensure the person can cross the street safely.



The road curves gently to the right, and the father turns the steering wheel to follow the path. Ana notices that even when the speed stays the same, changing direction is another way the car experiences acceleration.



The car reaches a busy intersection and comes to a complete halt as the traffic light glows red. The children observe how the world outside stands still for a moment, emphasizing that stopping completely is vital for road safety.



Ben leans forward and asks his father why it is dangerous to drive too fast or stop too suddenly. His father explains that keeping a steady and controlled pace helps the driver stay in command of the car at all times.



In the distance, they see a car swerving slightly because it tried to take a corner with too much speed. This real-life example helps Ana and Ben understand why improper acceleration can lead to accidents and loss of control.



Their father points out different road signs, explaining how speed limits and warning icons act as guides for every driver. These signs are essential tools that help everyone on the road work together to prevent collisions.



The children reflect on what they have learned about motion, realizing that science is happening all around them during their daily commute. They feel much more confident knowing how acceleration and deceleration keep their family protected.



The car finally pulls into their familiar driveway, and the family arrives home safely with big smiles. Ana and Ben thank their father for the lesson, realizing that responsible driving makes the world a better place for everyone.