



Crossing Safely: A Vision Zero Story

Once upon a time, in the cozy town of Willowbrook, there lived a little explorer named Lily. Lily loved to discover new things and have big adventures. **One sunny morning, she looked out of her window and saw that the road separating her house from her favorite park was very busy.** She really wanted to go to the park by herself, but she knew she had to learn how to cross the street safely first.

Lily's teacher, Miss Thompson, knew this was an important thing for Lily to learn. So, one day at school, Miss Thompson gathered all the kids on the big steps outside. She smiled and said, "Today, we're going to learn something super important – how to cross the street safely!"

Lily's eyes sparkled with excitement as Miss Thompson explained, **"Remember the three 'L's: Look, Listen, and Look again.** First, you look left, then right, and left again to make sure no cars are coming."

Lily nodded, trying to remember the three 'L's. Miss Thompson continued, "And don't forget your ears! Listen for any cars, because sometimes you can hear them before you see them."

Feeling brave and smart, Lily stood at the corner of the sidewalk, ready to try it out. **With her friends watching, she stepped up to the street. She remembered to look left, then right, and left again,** just like Miss Thompson said. She perked up her ears and listened too, just like using her superhero senses.

When she felt it was safe, Lily stepped onto the road, her heart beating a little faster. one step at a time, she crossed the road and she reached the other side.

Her friends cheered and clapped, and Miss Thompson gave her a big high-five. "You did it, Lily! You crossed the street safely, like a real street-crossing superhero!"

From that day on, Lily felt so proud of herself. She helped her friends learn the three 'L's too, just like Miss Thompson had taught her. And as Lily walked to the park, she knew that every adventure begins with being careful and brave, just like a superhero on a special mission.