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 - **Age 16**, the life event of getting a drivers license.
 - **Age 18**, young adult goes to college and leaves the church.
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 - **Age 65**, retirement.
- Remember the Boomerang.
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