

# Let's Go Biking (Walnut's Corner)

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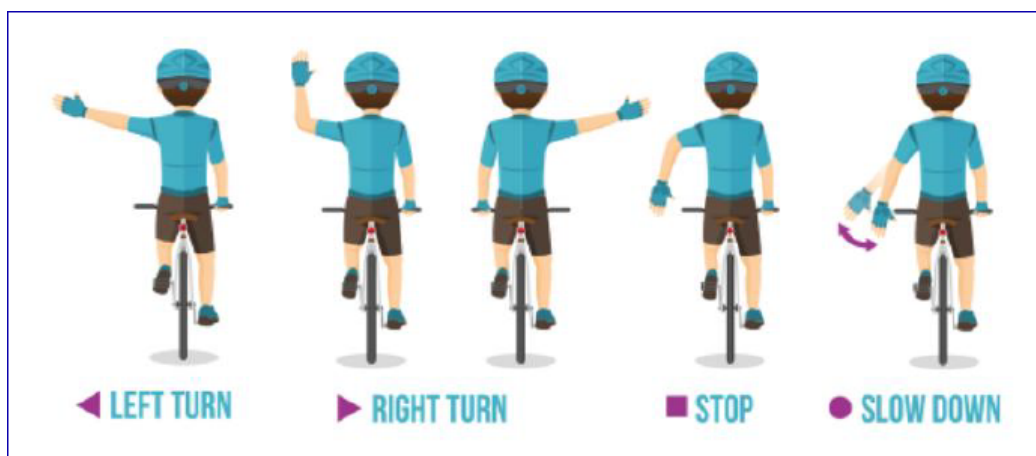


Walnut was excited. The weather was now warm enough for him to take his bike out. Before his mom would let him go out by himself in the neighborhood he had to take a bicycle safety course. Walnut would do anything to be allowed to ride on his own.

It was Saturday morning and Walnut had just arrived for his bicycle safety class. He was a little nervous but he was also excited. His teacher, John, gave him some information to read and study. They also watched several videos. At the end of the class Walnut had to ride his bike through an obstacle course that included street signs, crosswalks, and other obstacles he might encounter on the road.

Walnut put on his helmet, checked that his mirrors and lights were working and then he started out. He soon came upon a stop sign. He started to slow down and remembered that he should use his hand signals to let the vehicles behind him know that he was going to stop. He slowed down and stopped at the sign. He looked both ways and when it was clear he continued to go straight. He soon came to an intersection and he wanted to turn right. He again signaled his intent to turn, looked both ways and proceeded. He continued along and then came upon another intersection but this time he signaled to turn left. Walnut then crossed the finish line. He was proud of himself. John congratulated him on a job well done and told him he would have to practice all of the things he learned to be a safer bicyclist.

When Walnut got home he was smiling ear to ear. He had done a good job and now Mama would let him ride his bike around the neighborhood. Do you know the rules of the road? Do you know what the hand signals are? Check out this image to learn more about using hand signals when riding your bike. Walnut will be answering questions in our next issue. Send your questions to [wsmactarbox@gmail.com](mailto:wsmactarbox@gmail.com) and your question might be featured in our next issue.



Take the time to learn your hand signals.  
This is one safety tool that does not require any special equipment.