MEMBERS VAULT

Family Scenario Cards

A short, practical conversation for practice night — not a drill, and not a scare.

To be used with What Would We Do If...?

These cards are for a short, calm practice night. Each one comes from a chapter in *What Would We Do If...?* — one card per scenario in the book, from Chapter 1 through Chapter 28. The book has the full, calm plan. The cards are only a way to talk. You do not have to use every card. Pick one or two that match the household you actually have. Nothing here is a drill that shames anyone, and nothing here needs to be posted or shared.

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MEMBERS VAULT · FAMILY SCENARIO CARDS

How to run a 20-minute practice night

A timer, a conversation, and a calm ending

These cards are for about twenty minutes. The book's full family-plan evening in Chapter 29 is about two hours, with pizza on the table and the kids helping. Don't try to squeeze that whole evening into this shorter practice. If you have not yet done Fifteen Minutes Tonight, do that first — it is the shortest start in the book.

A 20-MINUTE PRACTICE NIGHT

1. Pick one or two cards that match your household. Use "Find Your Top Five" at the front of the book if you want a starting point. You do not need all 28.
2. Set a timer for twenty minutes. Tell everyone this is a conversation, not a test and not an emergency.
3. One person reads the question out loud. Give kids a chance to go first if they want to. No one is graded, and no one is shamed for not knowing.
4. Talk through the three prompts: what we would do, what we already have, and what we would do next. Write a next step only if you want to.
5. End when the timer goes. Finish on what is already in place, not on a list of what's missing. Put two practice dates on the calendar — the book asks for practice twice a year, once at night, and names the clock change as an easy reminder.
6. Nothing here has to be posted or shared. Keep the conversation in the house.

PRINT AND CUT

Print the card sheets single-sided, or print the back template on the reverse if you want a finished card. Cut along the dashed lines. Four cards fit on each letter page. Chapters 29 and 30 are not scenario cards: they are the plan-night and the ten-things chapters, and they belong in the book, not in this deck.

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The power goes out tonight

The lights go out tonight. What would we do in the first hour?

What we would do. Get light the safe way — flashlights or battery lanterns, not candles. Check whether it's just our house or the whole street.

What we already have. Where are the flashlights, the spare batteries, and a charged power bank? Is the utility's outage number written down, not only saved in a phone?

What we would do next. Keep the fridge and freezer closed. The book's figures are about four hours for the fridge, about 48 hours for a full freezer, and about 24 hours for a half-full one — estimates, not a guarantee.

Pairs with What Would We Do If…?, Chapter 1. The book has the full plan; this card is for practice night only.

MEMBERS VAULT · SCENARIO CARD · CH. 2

The power stays out in winter

If the power stayed out on a cold night, where would we gather, and how would we stay warm safely?

What we would do. Pick one small, warm room. Close doors to the rest of the house. Dress in layers and keep everyone dry.

What we already have. Do we have extra blankets or sleeping bags, hats and wool socks, and carbon monoxide alarms with fresh batteries?

What we would do next. The book is clear about what not to use for heat: never a gas oven, stovetop, grill, or camp stove. A generator, if we have one, stays outdoors. The full safe-heat list is in Chapter 2.

Pairs with What Would We Do If…?, Chapter 2. The book has the full plan; this card is for practice night only.

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A boil-water notice, or the water shuts off

If we were told to boil water, or the tap stopped, what would we drink tonight?

What we would do. Use the water we already have stored, or follow the official boil notice. Don't invent a treatment method at the table.

What we already have. How many gallons do we actually have on hand? The books' guideline is one gallon per person per day. The pantry book aims for two weeks; three days is a minimum.

What we would do next. Where is the written boil-water plan, and who would check the official notice? The method for treating more water stays in the book.

Pairs with What Would We Do If…?, Chapter 3. The book has the full plan; this card is for practice night only.

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The furnace dies in a deep freeze

If the furnace stopped on a very cold night, what would we do first, and where would we stay?

What we would do. Keep everyone together in one warmable room. Dress in layers. Check on anyone who would feel the cold first.

What we already have. Blankets, sleeping bags, a safe indoor heat option only if we already have one the book would accept, and working CO alarms.

What we would do next. If we needed to leave the house, where would we go? The book's safe-heat rules are the same as in a winter outage — Chapter 4 has the full plan.

Pairs with What Would We Do If…?, Chapter 4. The book has the full plan; this card is for practice night only.

Cut along the dashed lines. Chapters 1–4

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The internet and cell service go down

If phones and internet stopped working, how would we reach each other and get news?

What we would do. Use the paper contact list. Check a battery or hand-crank radio. Agree who would go where if we weren't all home.

What we already have. Is there a paper list of numbers on the fridge and in a wallet? Is there a radio that works without the network?

What we would do next. This is a good night to write five numbers down, if we haven't already — Fifteen Minutes Tonight in the book.

Pairs with What Would We Do If...?, Chapter 5. The book has the full plan; this card is for practice night only.

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A tornado warning goes off

If a tornado warning sounded, where is our safe place, and how would we get there?

What we would do. Go down and in: a basement, storm cellar, or safe room — or a small, windowless interior room on the lowest floor. Stay away from windows.

What we already have. Have we chosen that spot already? Are sturdy shoes, a flashlight, and a whistle there?

What we would do next. Practice walking to that place and time it, on a calm day. If we live in a mobile home, the book says not to stay there; know the sturdy building or public shelter we would use. Follow official guidance in a real warning.

Pairs with What Would We Do If...?, Chapter 6. The book has the full plan; this card is for practice night only.

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An ice storm or blizzard snows you in

If we were snowed in for a day or two, what would we need to be comfortable at home?

What we would do. Stay off the roads unless we have to travel. Keep the pipes and the people warm. Check on anyone who lives alone nearby, if it's safe to do so.

What we already have. Food and water we already eat, a way to keep warm, a charged phone or radio, and a shovel or ice melt if we use them.

What we would do next. What would we do about medications or a work shift if we couldn't leave? Chapter 7 has the before, during, and after lists.

Pairs with What Would We Do If...?, Chapter 7. The book has the full plan; this card is for practice night only.

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A hurricane is heading your way

If a hurricane watch was issued for our area, what would we decide first: stay, or go?

What we would do. Follow official guidance. If we're told to evacuate, we go. If we shelter at home, we do it on purpose, not by default.

What we already have. Where is the paper plan, the go-bags, and the document box we could grab in a minute?

What we would do next. This card is only for households in hurricane country, or for talking through a trip to the coast. If this is not our risk, pick a different card. The book's watch, evacuate, and shelter lists are in Chapter 8.

Pairs with What Would We Do If...?, Chapter 8. The book has the full plan; this card is for practice night only.

Cut along the dashed lines. Chapters 5–8

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Flash flooding, or water coming into the house

If water started coming toward the house, or into it, what would we do first?

What we would do. Get to higher ground. Don't walk or drive through flood water. Follow official warnings.

What we already have. Do we know the low spots near us, and a higher place we would go? Is the document box somewhere we could pick up quickly?

What we would do next. After the water, the book has a calm after-list. We don't practice wading. We talk through the first decision: stay out of the water, and go up.

Pairs with What Would We Do If...?, Chapter 9. The book has the full plan; this card is for practice night only.

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Wildfire smoke settles over town

If the air outside filled with wildfire smoke, how would we keep the air inside safer?

What we would do. Stay inside as much as we can, with windows closed. Follow official air-quality and evacuation guidance.

What we already have. Do we have a way to get official alerts? Masks the book would actually recommend are in the chapter — we don't guess at a type at the table.

What we would do next. If we were told to leave because of fire, that is the evacuation card, not this one. Chapter 10 is about the smoke itself.

Pairs with What Would We Do If...?, Chapter 10. The book has the full plan; this card is for practice night only.

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A dangerous heat wave

If a dangerous heat wave settled in, with or without power, how would we stay cool enough?

What we would do. Move to the lowest, coolest room. Drink water. Check on anyone who feels the heat first.

What we already have. Do we know the nearest cooling center? Window fans or battery fans? Extra water?

What we would do next. The book covers heat with the power out in the same chapter. If the power is out, we do not use generators indoors. Follow official heat alerts.

Pairs with What Would We Do If...?, Chapter 11. The book has the full plan; this card is for practice night only.

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An earthquake hits

If the ground started shaking, what would we do in the first seconds, and where would we meet after?

What we would do. The book's during-the-shaking steps are in Chapter 12. We talk them through calmly; we don't act them out in a way that scares anyone.

What we already have. Do we have a near-home meeting place, sturdy shoes, and a flashlight where we could reach them?

What we would do next. After the shaking, the book has a first-hour list, including gas and downed lines. In a real quake, follow official guidance.

Pairs with What Would We Do If...?, Chapter 12. The book has the full plan; this card is for practice night only.

Cut along the dashed lines. Chapters 9–12

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An evacuation order with fifteen minutes' notice

If we had about fifteen minutes to leave the house, what would we take, and where would we meet?

What we would do. People and pets first. Grab the go-bags and the document box if they're already packed and on the way out. Don't search the house for extras.

What we already have. Are go-bags where we can reach them? Is there a paper list of what matters, and a meeting place away from home?

What we would do next. Time a calm walk-through on a practice night if you want — not a drill that shames anyone. Fifteen minutes goes fast; the book says so.

Pairs with What Would We Do If...?, Chapter 13. The book has the full plan; this card is for practice night only.

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A fire in your home

If the smoke alarm sounded, how would we get out, and where would we meet outside?

What we would do. Get out, stay out, and call 911 from outside. The book has the first-minutes steps: crawl low under smoke, feel doors, close doors behind you, and go to the outside meeting spot.

What we already have. Do we have two ways out of every room, a meeting spot outside, and working smoke alarms? Is there a fire extinguisher in the kitchen — and do we know it is only for a small, contained fire with a clear way out?

What we would do next. The book asks you to practice the plan twice a year, once at night. This card is a conversation, not fire training. In a real fire, get out and call 911.

Pairs with What Would We Do If...?, Chapter 14. The book has the full plan; this card is for practice night only.

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The carbon monoxide alarm goes off

If the carbon monoxide alarm sounded, what is the first thing we would do?

What we would do. Get everyone outside into fresh air immediately, including pets. Call 911 from outside. Don't go back inside until officials say it's safe.

What we already have. Do we have CO alarms on every level and outside sleeping areas? Have we tested them? Do we know the difference, in the book, between a loud alarm and a low-battery chirp — and that when in doubt, we get out?

What we would do next. This is a conversation about getting out, not about finding the source. The book's first-minutes list is in Chapter 15.

Pairs with What Would We Do If...?, Chapter 15. The book has the full plan; this card is for practice night only.

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You smell gas

If we smelled rotten eggs in the house, what would we do first — and where are the shutoffs, for a calm day?

What we would do. Get everyone out. Don't create a spark: no light switches, phones inside, lighters, or car starts in an attached garage. Call 911 and the gas company from a safe distance.

What we already have. Have we found the gas, water, and electrical shutoffs on a calm day? Is the gas company's emergency number written down?

What we would do next. We don't practice shutting gas off during a practice night. We find the shutoffs when nothing is wrong. Chapter 16 shows all three.

Pairs with What Would We Do If...?, Chapter 16. The book has the full plan; this card is for practice night only.

Cut along the dashed lines. Chapters 13–16

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You're stranded in your car in winter

If our car got stuck in winter weather, what would we do first, and what's already in the car?

What we would do. Stay with the car unless a safer place is very close. Make the car visible. Run the engine only the way the book describes, with a clear exhaust pipe.

What we already have. Is there a winter kit in the car — the book's list is in Chapter 17 — and does everyone know it's there?

What we would do next. Talk through who we would call, and how we would say where we are, using a paper description if the map app is down.

Pairs with What Would We Do If...?, Chapter 17. The book has the full plan; this card is for practice night only.

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The shelves go empty

If the store shelves were thin this week, what would we eat from what we already have?

What we would do. Cook from the pantry we already built, starting with what we already eat. Don't rush to hoard.

What we already have. How many days of meals do we honestly have? The pantry book's Stage One is 14 days of meals for every person, using food we already eat.

What we would do next. A shopping list for the next grocery trip, not a scare list. The 30-Day Shelter Pantry Tracker can help us see what's actually there.

Pairs with What Would We Do If...?, Chapter 18. The book has the full plan; this card is for practice night only.

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No gasoline: the pumps run dry

If the pumps were dry for a few days, which trips would we still need to make, and which could wait?

What we would do. Stay home when we can. Combine the trips that matter. Don't store gasoline in a way the book wouldn't support — the method stays in the chapter.

What we already have. Is the tank usually at least partway full? What appointments or work truly require the car?

What we would do next. The book has a first-day and first-week list. This is a planning talk, not a fuel-hoarding plan.

Pairs with What Would We Do If...?, Chapter 19. The book has the full plan; this card is for practice night only.

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No diesel: the trucks and deliveries slow down

If deliveries slowed for a week, what in our house already covers us, and what would we miss first?

What we would do. Use what we have. Notice which supplies we count on arriving every week.

What we already have. Food, water, any heating fuel we already keep, and medications we can't skip.

What we would do next. This card is for talking about ordinary dependence on deliveries, not for predicting a shortage. Chapter 20 has the calm list.

Pairs with What Would We Do If...?, Chapter 20. The book has the full plan; this card is for practice night only.

Cut along the dashed lines. Chapters 17–20

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Cards and banks go down, and it's cash only

If cards and bank apps didn't work for a few days, where is our small-bills cash, and what would we pay for first?

What we would do. Use the cash we already keep for this reason. Pay for the ordinary things first: food, fuel, a needed medicine.

What we already have. The book includes cash in small bills among the ten things that cover most emergencies. We don't write the amount on this card.

What we would do next. Keep that cash in a place we control, not on a list in the Vault. Chapter 21 has the first-hour and first-days steps.

Pairs with What Would We Do If...?, Chapter 21. The book has the full plan; this card is for practice night only.

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Two weeks stuck at home in quarantine

If we had to stay home for two weeks, what would make the days livable, and who would we call for help?

What we would do. Keep a simple routine. Care for anyone who is sick using the book's calm home-care notes, and official guidance, not a guess.

What we already have. Two weeks of meals and water, medications, and a way to reach a doctor or pharmacy by phone.

What we would do next. The book has a first-day list and a two-week list. This is a planning conversation, not a medical lesson.

Pairs with What Would We Do If...?, Chapter 22. The book has the full plan; this card is for practice night only.

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A scam or identity theft empties an account

If a call or text asked us to move money in a hurry, what would we do first?

What we would do. Stop. Don't send money or codes. Hang up and call the bank or the company at a number we already have in writing — not a number the caller gives us.

What we already have. Do we have the bank's real phone number on the paper contact list? Does more than one person know how to reach the bank?

What we would do next. The book has a first-hour and first-day list, including official places to report a scam. We don't share account details on a practice night.

Pairs with What Would We Do If...?, Chapter 23. The book has the full plan; this card is for practice night only.

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A sudden job loss, or income stops

If income stopped suddenly, what would we pay first, and who would we tell?

What we would do. Make a short, honest list of must-pay bills. Talk together before anyone panics alone.

What we already have. Where is a simple picture of our monthly bills, and an emergency cash cushion if we have one?

What we would do next. The book calls the first week a "survival budget." Chapter 24 has the calm steps. This is a family talk, not a financial-advice session.

Pairs with What Would We Do If...?, Chapter 24. The book has the full plan; this card is for practice night only.

Cut along the dashed lines. Chapters 21–24

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A medical emergency at home, before help arrives

If someone at home needed help before it arrived, who would call 911, and where is the first-aid kit?

What we would do. Call 911, stay on the line, and follow the dispatcher. Unlock the door and make it easy for help to come in. This card is not medical training.

What we already have. Where is the first-aid kit? Is Poison Control, 1-800-222-1222, in the phones and on the fridge? Is there a medical list for each person?

What we would do next. The book has first-minutes steps and asks you to take a CPR and first-aid class. Learn those skills in a class, not from a practice card. In a real emergency, call 911.

Pairs with What Would We Do If…?, Chapter 25. The book has the full plan; this card is for practice night only.

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You can’t reach your kids or your spouse

If we couldn’t reach each other for a while, where would we meet, and who is the out-of-town contact?

What we would do. Use the two meeting places: one right outside the home, one elsewhere in town. Call or text the out-of-town contact when we can.

What we already have. Have we written those places down? Do the kids know who is allowed to pick them up from school?

What we would do next. Help kids memorize one parent’s number. The book’s first-hour list is in Chapter 26. The Offline Paper Kit has a page for this plan.

Pairs with What Would We Do If…?, Chapter 26. The book has the full plan; this card is for practice night only.

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A family member needs medication you can’t get

If we couldn’t refill a needed medication right away, what is already in the house, and who would we call?

What we would do. Call the pharmacy or the doctor with the question. Don’t change a dose on a practice night.

What we already have. Is there a current list of medications, and a little extra of critical prescriptions if the doctor has already agreed to that?

What we would do next. The book also covers power outages and medication that needs the fridge. Official and pharmacist guidance comes first. Chapter 27 has the calm list.

Pairs with What Would We Do If…?, Chapter 27. The book has the full plan; this card is for practice night only.

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You need to shelter a relative or neighbor

If a relative or neighbor needed to stay with us for a few days, what could we honestly offer?

What we would do. Say yes to safety, and be honest about limits. Ask what they need right away: medications, a crib, pet food, a charger.

What we already have. Is there a spare sleeping place, a little extra food and water, and a toothbrush or towel we could offer?

What we would do next. Count everyone in the water and food math: one gallon of water per person per day. The book has a first-day and first-week list in Chapter 28.

Pairs with What Would We Do If…?, Chapter 28. The book has the full plan; this card is for practice night only.

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Optional card back — print on the reverse of a card sheet, then cut.