5 Engineers: Would you encourage your kid to become an engineer?

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In our most recent 5 Engineers post — part of this blog and our Fun Friday newsletter, where we toss out a question and invite our audience to respond with their wittiest answers — we asked: When you were a kid, what did you want to be when you grew up? Visit this page to share your own answer to that question.

Some of you said engineer, some of you said street car driver or other non-related professions, and some of you said you had no ambitions at all as children. Your own children may be of high school or college age, in fact they may be packing up a trunk for freshman year at the local university in the coming weeks, and they may soon come to you for career advice. Or they may be in kindergarten and just pondering the “what do I want to be when I grow up” question.

This brings us to this week’s question: Would you encourage your kid to become an engineer? (Or your neighbor’s kid, or your niece/nephew, or the teenager who works at Best Buy … whoever you see as the next generation.) Have you been happy enough with your career choice to suggest it to a youngster? Do you see opportunities for this career field growing or diminishing?

Post your short answer below. Be sure to stay tuned to this blog for more 5 Engineers questions in the weeks to come!