

“TFG - TEXT FROM GOD”

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Synopsis

Sending and receiving phone “text” messages has become a communication phenomenon. A teenager addicted to text messaging is shocked to receive a “text” from God and learns she needs to grow in Christ.

Scripture

Romans 12:2 (...be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind...)

Ministry Lesson

Many youth attend church, but are they really learning and growing or are their minds and priorities somewhere else. Often times we go through the motions of church attendance without growing in Christ.

Ministry Focus

Youth Ministry.

This is an over-the-top sketch demonstrating that God will go to get our attention for our good.

Genre: Comedy

Cast

Father

Mother

Stacey (teenage daughter 14-17)

Tony (younger brother 10-12)

Voice of God

Costumes

Parents in church attire

Stacey and Tony can be dressed-up or in casual wear

Props

Multi-media cell phone

Hand-held game device

Earphone

Sound Effect: Thunder and rain

Time: 7 mins.

Production Note

If your church has a video screen or monitor you can display God’s dialog on the screen as the voice is speaking. This would give the appearance that God is texting.

"TFG"

INT. HOME

THE FAMILY ENTERS - RETURNING HOME FROM SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE. STACEY (WEARING EARPHONES) IS WALKING BEHIND THE PARENTS LISTENING TO MUSIC ON HER WIRELESS MULTI-MEDIA DEVICE. TONY IS ACTIVELY INTO HIS GAMEBOY.

FATHER

It's good to be home. That was a good sermon today. (takes off suit coat and loosen necktie)

MOTHER

I'll get dinner ready as soon as I get out of these shoes. (removes shoes).
Whew! (to daughter) Stacey, can you take the salad out of the refrigerator?

DAUGHTER (STACEY) DOESN'T HEAR. SHE IS CONSUMED IN LISTENING TO MUSIC.

MOTHER

(shouting) Stacey!

STACEY

Huh? (slowly removes earphones)

MOTHER

Will you please put that phone down and do what I said.

STACEY

(Whining) Whaaaaat?

FATHER

Look young lady, don't "whaaaaat" your mother. (humbly) Even I can't do that.

MOTHER

I said, take the salad out of the refrigerator so I can get dinner ready.

FATHER

Maybe if her ears weren't glued to that
(pointing) phone thingy, she might hear
something.

TONY LAUGHS AT STACEY. STACEY PUSHES TONY.

TONY

Hey Dad, she hit me.

STACEY AND TONY ARGUE BACK AND FORTH.

FATHER

(to Kids) Hey! Hey! Don't start. (Kids
settle down). (to Stacey) And why did
that phone keep buzzing during service?

STACEY

M-B-F-W-T-M

FATHER

What?

STACEY

M-B-F-W-T-M - My best friend was texting
me.

FATHER

Well, why didn't you just say that? (to
mother) Does she still speak English?

MOTHER

Stacey, you fumbled with that...that
phone radio thing all during service.
You didn't hear a word the Pastor said.

STACEY

It's not a phone radio thing. It's the
new Legend G3 Multi-Media Digital Life
Assistant.

FATHER

What?

STACEY

The L-G-M-M-D-L-A.

MOTHER

Well, you just G-T-S-B-I-B-T-P.

STACEY

(gives in) OK

FATHER

(to wife) Honey, what did you say?

MOTHER

"Get the salad before I break the phone".

WIFE GRABS SHOES AND LEAVES. FATHER FOLLOWS

FATHER

(shocked) Wow honey, I didn't know you knew how to speak in "text". (pause)
Is that like speaking in tongues?

MOTHER AND FATHER ADLIB AS THEY EXIT.

STACEY

(tries to shift responsibility) Tony, get the salad out the refrigerator.

TONY

Nope. Ma told you to do it. She said, (talking like their mother) "Get the salad before I break the phone".
(starts to laugh)

STACEY

(flops down in chair) As soon as I get the salad, she's gonna' make me get the chicken. As soon as I get the chicken, she's gonna' make me cook dinner.

SOUND EFFECT: BUZZ FROM PHONE

STACEY

Someone is texting me. It's probably my
BFF Rose.

STACEY PRETENDS TO READ TEXT MESSAGE AS THE VOICE OF GOD
SPEAKS THE TEXT.

GOD (O.S.)

Hi, this is G-O-D.

STACEY

G-O-D, I'm not familiar with that.
(text back aloud) D-I-K-U - do I know
you?

GOD (O.S.)

G-O-D!

STACEY

(talks to herself aloud) I don't know
that acronym. I thought I knew them
all. I'll ask. (texting) Oh my God O-M-
G, I feel so embarrassed, who are you?

GOD (O.S.)

That's right, I am GOD, the creator of
the universe, your heavenly father.

STACEY

GOD!

TONY

Who? (rushing over to Stacey).

STACEY

That's what the text says. That's
impossible. (texting) B-F-R Be for real.
Prove it.

GOD (O.S.)

How?

STACEY

(thinking - texting) Well, it's a sunny day, so make it rain, right now, at this very moment.

SOUND EFFECT: THUNDER STORM AND RAIN.

STACEY NEARLY FALLS OUT OF THE CHAIR WHEN SHE HEARS THE THUNDER. SHE RUNS TO A NEARBY WINDOW AND SEES THE RAIN.

STACEY

(scared - texting) Okay stop it, right now!

SOUND EFFECT: STOPS IMMEDIATELY

STACEY

(texting) Oh wow, O-M-G for real!

TONY

You playin' with God, I'm gonna tell Dad!

STACEY

Wait a minute. Let's find out what He wants.

TONY READS GOD'S TEXT WITH STACY

STACEY

(texting) Why R U texting me?

GOD (O.S.)

We haven't talked in a while.

STACEY

(making excuse - texting) I...I've been busy with school.

GOD (O.S.)

I just want to know if I'm important to U.

STACEY

(texting) Yes, U R everything to me.
(reading)

GOD (O.S.)

Really.

STACEY

(proudly - texting) Yes, I attend church every SD

GOD (O.S.)

But R U hearing my Word when U R in church?

- End of Preview -

Stacey makes up excuses as God questions her about their relationship. God is eventually able to help her understand that growing in church is more important than just coming to church.
