

“GOD POSITIONING SYSTEM - GPS”

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Synopsis

A teenage boy (David) recently received his driver's license. He is about to drive (down the Road of Life) alone for the first time. David's mother installed a new God Positioning System (GPS) in his car to help guide his life's journey. Unfortunately, David fails to follow the GPS' instructions. He makes several wrong turns (*i.e., bad decisions in life*) which take him to unknown and dangerous places. After realizing he is lost and headed for the Road of "Destruction", David decides to listen to his GPS to help him get to the Road of "Life".

Scripture

Proverbs 4:11 *"I guide you in the way of wisdom and lead you along straight paths" NIV*

Ministry Lesson

One of a parents' greatest responsibilities is to encourage their children to make good decisions. As teenagers become adults and begin their journey through life, making wise choices is the most important thing they can do. Even when friends try to make us stumble (*Proverbs 4:14-16*), we must hold on to wisdom which comes from God and through His word.

Ministry Focus: Life Challenges

Genre: Comedy/Drama

Cast

- Mother (Adult 35+)
- David (Age 16-17)
- Marco (Age 16-18)
- Two Teenage Girls (Age 15-18)
- CJ (Age 18-21)
- GPS Voice (Female)

Costumes

Normal everyday attire

Props

- Five chairs
- Pack of cigarettes
- Pills in a plastic sandwich bag
- Money (several one dollar bills)

Time: 10 minutes

Writer's Note: God Positioning System is a powerful sketch for a **Youth Ministry**. It touches on the challenges many young people face; bad friends, bad decisions, and bad outcomes. But the script also teaches that if you listen to God, He will help you get back on the right road. All youth need to see this presentation.

GOD POSITIONING SYSTEM

THE SCENE TAKES PLACE INSIDE OF THE CAR. THERE ARE FOUR CHAIRS POSITIONED ON STAGE TO REPRESENT THE FRONT AND BACK SEATS OF A CAR.

DAVID AND HIS MOTHER ENTER AND APPROACH THE CAR

MOM

Well David, you've passed your driver's test and now you can drive by yourself. Here are the keys.

MOM HANDS KEYS TO DAVID.

DAVID

Thanks Mom. Well, see you later.

DAVID MIMICS OPENING A CAR DOOR THEN TAKES A SEAT IN THE FRONT CHAIR (DRIVER'S SEAT). HE PLACES HIS HANDS ON THE IMAGINARY STEERING WHEEL.

MOM

Wait a minute, not so fast.

DAVID

(Feeling babied) I know how to drive now Mom.

MOM

(Caring) I know, I know. I just want you to be careful. You know the Road of Life is full of twists and turns...

DAVID

I know Mom.

MOM

...and sometimes you may get distracted and go down the wrong road and get lost.

DAVID

I'll be fine Mom.

MOM

I know you will, but since I can't be with you all the time, I had a new interactive GPS system installed in your car.

DAVID

(Excited) Really, a Global Positioning System! Thanks Mom.

MOM

Oh it's better than that. It's the new interactive "God" Positioning System.

DAVID

God Positioning System, what's that?

MOM

Well, it works like a traditional GPS but better. You see the God Positioning System will interact with you. Turn on the car, let me show you.

DAVID TURNS ON THE CAR

SOUND EFFECT: CAR ENGINE STARTING (optional)

MOM (CONT'D)

(Pointing inside car) Now turn on the GPS.

DAVID REACHES FORWARD AND MIMICS PRESSING A BUTTON. THE GPS IS ACTIVATED.

GPS VOICE (OFF STAGE - O.S.)

Hello David. Congratulations on passing your driver's test.

DAVID

(Excited) Wow, it talks to me. This is cool! Thanks Mom.

MOM

Well, drive safely and listen to your
GPS. (Steps back) My little baby is all
grown up. (Wipes tears from her eyes)

MOM LEAVES TRYING TO CONTROL HER EMOTIONS.

WITH BOTH HANDS ON AN IMAGINARY STEERING WHEEL, DAVID
PREPARES TO DRIVE.

DAVID

I'm finally on my own.

GPS VOICE (O.S.)

David, where would you like to go?

DAVID

I'm ready to go down the "Road of Life".

GPS VOICE

Very well, proceed straight down
Teenager Boulevard and then make a left
onto Responsibility Road.

DAVID MIMICS DRIVING DOWN THE ROAD.

DAVID

This is easy. Mom was worried over
nothing. Okay, here's Responsibility
Road. I'll make a left here (turns
left).

THE SURFACE OF THE ROAD CHANGES AND THE DRIVE GETS BUMPY.
DAVID SOON BEGINS TO BOUNCE UP IN HIS SEAT.

DAVID

Hey, this road is getting rough.

GPS VOICE (O.S.)

Don't worry David. Just keep going
straight.

AS DAVID CONTINUES TO DRIVE, HE INCREASES THE FREQUENCY AND
INTENSITY OF BOUNCING UP AND DOWN. HE CAN BARELY STAY IN
HIS SEAT (*MAKE IT FUNNY*)

DAVID

Hey, what's going on?!

GPS VOICE (O.S.)

Your journey through life will be rough
at times, but I'm still here to guide
you.

AFTER A FEW MOMENTS DAVID APPROACHES A "STOP" SIGN.

DAVID

(Stops bouncing) Finally a stop sign.
Now I can catch my breath. (Reading the
street sign) Let's see, the sign says,
Excitement Highway to the left and
Wisdom Road to the right.

GPS VOICE (O.S.)

Make a right turn onto Wisdom Road.

DAVID

(Looking right, down the road) Umm,
Wisdom Road looks really narrow and
bumpy. (Looks to the left). Hey
Excitement Highway looks smooth and it
has four lanes! I always wanted to
drive in the fast lane.

DAVID MIMICS MAKING A LEFT TURN.

GPS VOICE (O.S.)

This is not a good decision David.
Please turn around.

DAVID

Now you sound like my mother. Relax,
I'm not going to do anything stupid.

DAVID CONTINUES TO DRIVE

Wow, look at the city lights and big
buildings. Oh, here's an exit sign.
(Reading Sign) It says, "Drop Out of
School" Bypass.

GPS VOICE (O.S.)

Please don't take this exit. Finishing your education is very important.

DAVID

Why waste time in school?

DAVID MIMICS MAKING A RIGHT TURN

Hey, there's my buddy Marco. I haven't seen him in years (Shouts) Hey Marco!

MARCO RUNS OUT TO MEET DAVID.

MARCO

Hey David, I never thought I'd see you turn down "Drop Out of School" Bypass.

DAVID

Well you know, I'm driving on my own now.

MARCO

Cool, can I get in?

DAVID

Sure jump in.

MARCO JUMPS IN THE FRONT PASSENGER SEAT.

GPS VOICE (O.S.)

Marco is a bad influence David. It's not a good idea to socialize with him.

MARCO

(Looking around) Who said that?

DAVID

Oh that's a new GPS system my mother installed in my car.

MARCO

Dave, you don't need a GPS. I've been out here on these streets for years. I'll tell you where to go.

DAVID

Oh okay, I'll turn it off.

DAVID REACHES OVER TO TURN OFF THE GPS.

MARCO

Hey, make a left down here on Bad
Friends Boulevard.

- End of Preview -

Marco leads David down one wrong road (bad decision) after another. Soon, David is lost and in trouble. Finally, David turns his GPS back on (i.e., turns back to God) to lead him in the right direction. This sketch ministers on the dangers of bad friends, drugs, temptations in a way that youth will understand.
