

GPS

The scene highlights the fact that when we try and do things on our own, we undoubtedly end up lost. Despite our inevitable desire to follow our own path, God is always there waiting for us to ask for instructions and trust in his way.

Theme: Trust

Cast:



Mike



Marc



Sat Nav
(off stage)

Props: Two chairs, a steering wheel and satnav (these can be mimed).

Bible Reference: 'Whoever gives heed to instruction prospers, and blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord' (Proverbs 16:20 NIV).

Performance notes:

Both actors sit on the chairs centre stage. If a steering wheel and satnav are available, use them. If not, try to exaggerate where the steering wheel and satnav are, making sure that they are in the same place each time that you refer to them. Imaginary props have a tendency to move!

Be aware that when talking to someone next to you, you need to cheat the angle of your body so that you are facing the diagonal. This way your voice will project forward rather than to the side.

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(Mike and Marc getting into a car, about to start some kind of long journey)



Marc Are you sure you know the way?

Mike I do, sort of.

Marc Oh, very reassuring: I do, sort of! How are we gonna get there if you don't know the way?

Mike Oh, don't you worry about that. Haven't I told you about my new satnav? GPS, instructions for us to see and hear, and it speaks every language under the sun! Foolproof! Completely foolproof!

Mark Good job it is with you around!

Mike *(Busy admiring his satnav, misses the insult)* What was that?

Marc Never mind.

Mike Yep, if you need to go on a journey, this baby'll get you there! *(Admires it)*

(Pause)



Marc Well... are you going to turn it on then?



Mike No.

Marc Sorry?

Mike I'm not going to use it for this journey.

Marc What?! You just said that you don't know the way.

Mike Oh, shush, we'll be fine.

(Mike steers, both look around as if lost; Marc is agitated; Mike looks unsure)

Marc Admit it: you're lost.

Mike Oh all right, we are lost.

Marc So, are you going to put your satnav on now?!

Mike Yeah, OK - I just thought I could get by without it.

Marc Yeah, but what's the point in that when you have it?

Mike Oh I don't know. I didn't want to embarrass myself, looking like I couldn't get there without it.

Marc Again: what's the point in that?! Put the destination in!



Mike *(tapping the screen)* Done!



Marc Hang on; I know where we are now!



Sat Nav *(Voice of SatNav is off-stage, using a microphone)*
At the end of the road, turn right.

Marc Don't listen to it! We definitely need to go left!

Mike But...

Marc Don't 'but' me! I know where we need to go!

Mike But...

Marc GO LEFT!

(Mike steers left, grimacing)

Sat Nav Recalculating. DO A U-TURN, DO A U-TURN!

Mike See!

Marc Oh, ignore it, it just needs to calculate a new route.

(Both look at the satnav)

Marc Oops.



Mike Now look; that's added an extra twenty minutes to the journey!



Marc I'm sorry... maybe we should stick with the satnav for a bit!



Mike (annoyed) I think that would be wise.

Sat Nav At the roundabout, take the third exit.

(Mike does)

Sat Nav Bear left.

(Mike does)

Marc Hey, it's pretty good that this satnav can help us find the right way even after we've messed up!

Mike We've messed up?

Marc Er - yes! I may have ignored it, but who didn't even turn it on in the first place?

Mike Oh yeah! Point taken!

(They drive silently for a while)



Sat Nav In two hundred yards, turn left. Then you have reached your destination.



Marc Yeah, it's pretty awesome really; even after some really stupid mistakes, we've still ended up at the right place.



Mike Yep. *(They get out of the car, and start to leave)* Would've been easier if we'd just listened in the first place, though...

*Voice off-stage (can be the same person, but no longer putting on the SatNav voice):
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