

# The Beat

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A road trip promises adventure and fun—especially if you're taking off to explore your future with just your friends. At least that was the plan high school senior Melanie Porter had until her police-chief father decided he should come along and supervise. In the new Disney movie *College Road Trip* starring *That's So Raven* star Raven-Symoné as Melanie and Martin Lawrence as her overprotective father, one thing after another threatens to get in the way of Melanie achieving her goals.

The travelers lose their car. They accidentally get on a plane and have to go skydiving. They get on a bus and have to sing karaoke. All the detours frustrate Melanie, but in the end she realizes that working through them helps her grow as a person and closer to what's really important.



## THINK ABOUT IT

- How do you feel when things don't happen as planned?
- How can parents' decisions to change our plans often actually help us reach our goals?

## Stepping in the Light

God has big plans for you! And as with His chosen nation of Israel, God can help you achieve those plans. Lots of little steps got you to where you are in your life today. The steps you take now will determine where you go from here.

Think about where you want to end up in life. Write this goal at the top of a sheet of paper. List two steps taken before today and then write two more steps you need to take to get closer to that goal.



Think about God's goals for your life. What can you do this week to be part of His plan?