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Viewers May Learn From Character's Open Mind

(NAPS)—“Ok, just when you’re ready to turn her in for a new model, your mom does something, and you realize that she’s pretty much the coolest mom in the whole world.”



A new comedy series lets parents and kids see into the mind of a 13-year old girl.

That’s what’s on the mind of one teenager in an inviting new comedy show that pays mind to kids problems in an imaginative way.

The series uses an animated character to show what really goes through the head of 13 year-old Lizzie McGuire as she makes her way through junior high.

Lizzie’s day is similar to that of many teenagers her age: a combination of a popularity contest mixed with classroom crises and dealing with a hip mom who’s interested in staying on top of things.

What makes the show, called *Lizzie McGuire*, unique is that viewers hear and see what is really going on in Lizzie’s head. The show’s producers use the latest technology to create an animated alter ego for Lizzie. The ego, unlike the girl—and most of us—is not afraid to say whatever Lizzie is thinking.

For example, when Lizzie is squaring off to face a treacherous former best friend, she is frightened but her bold alter ego explains to the audience, “In the animal kingdom, it’s a well known fact that males fiercely compete to establish themselves in the herd. In middle school, girls get in on the action too.” The series premieres on Disney Channel on January 19.