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MAIN CHARACTERS

ALADDIN: MALE

JASMINE: FEMALE

*GENIE: FEMALE OR MALE

SECONDARY CHARACTERS

*NARRATOR

*SELLER

**FRIEND #1

**FRIEND #2

**FRIEND #3

TOTAL: 8 CAST MEMBERS OR AS LITTLE AS 4 CAST MEMBERS

*/** COULD BE PLAYED BY THE SAME CAST MEMBER.

NARRATOR: Hello, and welcome to the play The Legend of the Flower. This is a play about young characters that learn the lesson that is a greater blessing to give than to receive.

TECHNICIAN: Play "Arabian Nights" Karaoke Version (Lower volume when speaking parts begin.)

SCENE 1: Aladdin's Home

SETTING: (Aladdin and Jasmine sitting at table playing cards.)

SELLER: (Enters with lamp and plastic container hooked to a belt around his waist. Acts out song while singing.)

ALADDIN: (Gets up from table observing the seller seeming interested, begins to walk away.)

SELLER: Ahhh, come on over here, my friend.

ALADDIN: (Comes closer to Seller)

SELLER: I have many good things on sale today! Here is our famous cookware container. Pull it right out of the fridge and it goes straight into the oven. It won't even melt! (Taps on the container.) Real tough! (Top falls off.)

ALADDIN: (Begins to walk away.)

SELLER: Wait, I have more! (Pulls out a lamp.) This lamp was found deep inside a cave in the desert. There were drawings of this lamp in the cave that show it is very special. I'll give it to you for two dollars! Yes?

ALADDIN: (Backs up and turns to walk away, then turns around)

SELLER: One dollar! How about one dollar only today?

ALADDIN: One dollar? Okay, I'll give it a try. (Gives seller one dollar and receives the lamp. Puts it on the table where Jasmine is sitting then sits down)

SELLER: (Picks up the lid and puts it back on the container. Taps on the container, and the lid falls off again. Tosses the container to the side and walks off set.)

TECHNICIAN: "Arabian Nights" Karaoke Version (Fade volume to silent.)

JASMINE: Aladdin, why did you buy that?

ALADDIN: I liked it. (Picks up the cards and starts shuffling and dealing)

JASMINE: (Not interested in the cards, but looking at Aladdin dealing cards) Aladdin, do you ever wonder?

ALADDIN: Wonder about what?

JASMINE: Wonder about life. What else is there?

ALADDIN: (Looking at cards spread out in his hands) Yeah, I guess, sometimes I do. Why?

JASMINE: I mean just having the basic things in life still isn't enough. People still aren't happy.

(FRIEND #1, 2 AND 3 ENTERS)

FRIEND #1: Hey guys, can we play cards, too?

ALADDIN: Sure!

FRIEND #2: (Picks up lamp) What's this old lamp doing here?

JASMINE: This old man came around selling things, and this the only piece of junk Aladdin liked.

ALADDIN: It's old, but it just needs to be cleaned up a little bit. (Rubs the lamp. Fog is released from the fog machine and out comes Genie.)

JASMINE: What in the world?

FRIEND #3: What's going on?

ALADDIN: Wow, cool!!

GENIE: Six thousand years will give you such a crick in the neck!

ALADDIN: Who are you, what are you doing here?

GENIE: Well hey, you rub the lamp, I appear, and now you're my master. I will grant you two wishes.

ALADDIN: What?

FRIEND #2: Wait a minute! You'll grant him two wishes? Anything he wants!?

GENIE: You got it!

ALADDIN: Wow, this is awesome!

FRIEND #3: Ooh, ask him to make us all rich, Aladdin!

FRIEND #1: Yeah, lots of money. Can you imagine Aladdin, what we can do with lots of money?

ALADDIN: Yeah, that would be great!

GENIE: Wait! Are you sure you want to do this? Do you think money will make you happy?

ALADDIN: Yea, Genie, make me rich!

GENIE: Okay, stand back! Here it goes! (Throws up in the air lots of plastic gold coins.)

FRIEND #2: Wow, check out all this gold and riches, Aladdin. We're rich!

FRIEND #3: There is nothing we can't do with this much money!

ALADDIN: Finally, I feel like I am on top of the world!

JASMINE: Well, just remember you won't always have a lot of money. One day you will realize there is much more to life than money, gold and riches!

ALADDIN: Like what?

JASMINE: I don't know. I just know this is not it!

FRIEND #1: Come on Aladdin, let's go see what we can do with all this money!

FRIEND #2: Let's go—we're gonna have a great time.

(ALL EXIT)

TECHNICIAN: Play "Arabian Nights" Karaoke Version

SCENE 2: ALADDIN'S HOME

(ALADDIN, JASMINE, AND FRIENDS ENTER)

ALADDIN: Hey guys, this is all I have left. We went to the biggest places, and we ate at the best restaurants. I even bought you guys a boat. And now I don't have any money left. I expect you guys to pay me back!

FRIEND #1: Aladdin, you never said we had to pay you back! And we don't even have money to pay you back!

FRIEND #2: Besides, we ALL had fun!

FRIEND #1: Well, maybe we had a little more fun because it wasn't our money.

JASMINE: STOP all this fighting! You guys just went and had a great time and you're still not happy.

ALADDIN: Huh. I guess I'm not.

FRIEND #2: Why aren't you happy, Aladdin?

ALADDIN: I am not sure.

FRIEND #3: Wait, Aladdin! You still have one more wish left. Why don't you wish for more money!

FRIEND #2: Here's the lamp. (Hands Aladdin the lamp.) Let's just get more from the Genie!

ALADDIN: (Aladdin rubs the lamp. Fog and the Genie appears.)

GENIE: Ahh it was getting a little cramped in there. So how did you make out Aladdin?

ALADDIN: Not so good! I blew all my money!

JASMINE: Yeah, you would think he would have given some away to someone who really needed it.

FRIEND #1: Get real. Give some away? What are you, crazy?!

FRIEND #2: Yeah, real crazy! You only live once, you have to get the most out of it!!

ALLADIN: Genie, I need a little help here. I thought having a lot of money would make me feel great! Anything I wanted I got. But what else is there?

FRIEND #3: Hey Aladdin, why don't you wish to be a King? Be someone important!!

GENIE: Wait a minute! Only Jesus is King! I'm gonna give you a little free advice here. You ARE someone important! Because Jesus paid the price for our sin's we all can become children of God!

FRIEND #1: Sin? What is sin?

GENIE: Sin is anything we do, think or say that does not please God.

ALADDIN: I was being greedy wanting to get money and stuff. That was not pleasing God.

GENIE: Be thankful that we did not have to do anything to receive God's gift of forgiveness. Jesus did it all!

FRIEND #2: What did you mean when you said "we can become children of God?"

GENIE: When you believe God sent His Son, Jesus, into this world to die for our sins, and believe He rose from the dead – you become a child of God.

JASMINE: Jesus gave His life to make us His children? I am thankful for Jesus!

ALADDIN: Me too!

JASMINE: Wow! Now we know what really matters in life!

GENIE: Well, I guess my work here is done, but one last thing. Now go and love others as yourself.

JASMINE: How do we do that?

GENIE: Just sitting down spending time with someone who is sick or lonely. That means more than any money in the whole world!

ALADDIN: Is that like treating others the way you want to be treated? I remember reading that in the Bible.

GENIE: That's right! Love is when you give away what Jesus gives us. He gives us His love, and we can treat other people with love too. And you won't be fighting or hurting anyone. (Points to flowers in a basket) Go ahead, try it.

ALADDIN: (Gets a flower out of the basket and gives it to a resident) Showing God's love is so much better than trying to get more stuff!

GENIE: And see Al, that love only comes from Jesus!

JASMINE: What you just taught us was more important than any wish you ever granted. Can I try giving to Genie?

GENIE: Sure, go ahead! (Points to the flowers for her to give one to a resident)

JASMINE: (Gives flower to a resident)

GENIE: Now go, as God's children, and show love to the whole world!

TECHNICIAN: Play song "To Be His Child" by Shawna Belt Edwards

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Character Detail

ALADDIN:

- **Short description of character:** Always had everything he wanted and needed.
- **Importance of the character:** Getting lost in material things • **Qualities of the character:** Bold and streetwise. He thinks he has it all figured out.
- **Costume suggestions for character:** Middle Eastern. Loosely fitted pants gathered at the bottom. T- shirt, and vest.
- **Key Line:** (Gets a flower out of the basket and gives it to a resident) I was being greedy wanting to get money and stuff. That was not pleasing God.

JASMINE:

- **Short description of character:** Enchanting yet sensible
- **Importance of the character:** Tries to keep Aladdin from getting distracted with material things
- **Qualities of the Character:** Good judgment. Willing to walk away when she sees something that is not right.
- **Costume suggestions for character:** Middle Eastern. Strong colors and bold personal style to reflect her confidence and sensible nature. Silky material genie trousers, with matching shirt.
- **Key line:** Jesus gave His life to make us His children? I am thankful for Jesus!

GENIE:

- **Short description of character:** Wise
- **Importance of the character:** Desire to help
- **Qualities of the Character:** Happy yet cautious
- **Costume suggestions for character:** Middle Eastern. Over the top turban. Bright colored dazzling genie pants.
- **Stage presence suggestions for character:** Upbeat and full of energy • **Key line:** Wait a minute! Only Jesus is King! I'm gonna give you a little free advice here. You ARE someone important. You might find that giving of yourself brings you true joy.

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Prop List

SCENE 1: ALADDIN'S HOME

- Table with five chairs
- Genie lamp
- Playing cards
- Container with lid
- Genie lamp
- Plastic coins and paper money in a bag
- Optional: Purchase a fog machine – about \$45 on Amazon

SCENE 2: ALADDIN'S HOME

- Genie lamp
- Flower