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FRIENDS LIKE THESE

by STEPHEN D. LARSON

GENRE: Light drama/comedy

SYNOPSIS: Four women settle in for an evening of videos and girl talk at their personal annual retreat. They think back over the 30+ years of friendship they share and the struggles they have seen each other undergo.

DIRECTOR'S TIP: Although there is no overtly "religious" message here, the idea is that God gives us friends through whom he sends his blessings and comforts. If you can cast four women who are actually long-time friends, the feelings of warmth and friendship may come through better.

TIME: Over 5 minutes

CAST BREAKDOWN: 4

TOPIC: Friendship, Women

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: Proverbs 17:17

CHURCH YEAR SEASON: Any

SUGGESTED USE: Women's Ministry

CHARACTERS:

JUNE, CAROL, DONNA and MARION – four friends, all about mid to late 40s.

PROPS: All manner of "slumber party" items such as popcorn, soft drinks, cookies, potato chips, hair dryers, nail polish, sleeping bags, blankets and pillows, overnight bags, etc.; a scrapbook of photos for June, diamond engagement ring for Donna; stack of video tapes, TV, VCR and remote control (these do not have to be functional).

COSTUMES: Pajamas, house slippers and robes for all

SOUND: Four wireless microphones

LIGHTING: General stage lighting

SETTING: Motel room

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Three women, JUNE, CAROL, and DONNA, sit around the floor in a motel room, dressed for a "slumber party." They are all about the same age (mid to late forties would be ideal). They do their nails, curl their hair, etc. A variety of chip bags, soda cans and other party debris are scattered about.

DONNA: (Holding up two bottles of nail polish) What do you think? Hot pink or midnight black?

JUNE and CAROL look at one another for a beat.

JUNE & CAROL: Hot pink.

DONNA: You think so?

JUNE: Definitely.

DONNA: (A little disappointed) Oh... You don't like the black?

CAROL: It's fine, if you're Lily Munster.

JUNE: Face it, Donna. You're not the "goth girl" type.

CAROL: Or Britney Spears!

JUNE: Or Valley Girl.

CAROL: Or Madonna.

JUNE: Or...

DONNA: All right, all right! Gee! Can't a girl--

JUNE & CAROL: --experiment a little?

DONNA: All right! Cut it out!

MARION enters carrying two large bowls of popcorn.

MARION: Who wants popcorn?

The others ad-lib "Gimmee, gimme!" "Just set it down here" etc.

MARION: (Pulling a bowl away from Carol) Carol! Your nails are still wet!

CAROL: So?

MARION: So I don't want to eat "evening blush" popcorn, thank you.