

## GENIE IN A BOTTLE

by JOHN COSPER

**GENRE:** Comedy

**SYNOPSIS:** A young man discovers a genie and has the ability to make wishes, but he refuses to do anything with that ability.

**DIRECTOR'S TIP:** The genie starts out being a typical genie portrayal, powerful and confident, but becomes a comical mess by the end.

**TIME:** Under 5 minutes

**CAST BREAKDOWN:** 2

**TOPIC:** Evangelism

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:** Matthew 7:7-8

**CHURCH YEAR SEASON:** Any

**SUGGESTED USE:** Seeker Services, Evangelism

**CHARACTERS:**

FRED--a happy, content guy  
The Genie

**PROPS:** A fridge, a chair, a soda bottle

**COSTUMES:** Pajamas, a genie costume

**SOUND:** Two wireless microphones

**LIGHTING:** General stage

**SETTING:** A bachelor's apartment

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*The setting is a messy guy's apartment. A fridge and a comfy chair are on stage. FRED enters in pajamas. He walks to the fridge and opens it.*

**FRED:** Aww, man, I need something to wake me up. Gotta be some caffeine in this house. (*Opens the fridge*) Coke... Root Beer... Orange Juice... Where's a Mountain Dew when you need one? Hey, what's this? (*Picks up a dirty old bottle*) How did that get here? How long has it been in here? (*Opens the bottle, smells*) Kinda smells like Mr. Pibb... I wonder what it is...

*FRED rubs the bottle. A flash of lightning. Smoke pours out on stage, and an orchestral fanfare plays. The GENIE enters.*

**GENIE:** (*Grand, booming voice*) Greetings, my master!!!

**FRED:** Frankie? You going to a costume party?

**GENIE:** I am the genie in a bottle!!!

**FRED:** Genie? You don't look like Christina Aguilera to me.

**GENIE:** I am the real genie! I am more powerful than Christina is beautiful!

**FRED:** Yeah, well, you see Christina lately? That's not saying much.

**GENIE:** I'm here to grant you wishes!!

**FRED:** What kind of wishes?

**GENIE:** Any kind you desire.

**FRED:** You're putting me on.

**GENIE:** I am not you... on... putting.

**FRED:** On pudding?

**GENIE:** The genie cannot stand to end a sentence with a preposition.

**FRED:** The genie is uptight... but I think I would be too if I lived in this tiny a place.

**GENIE:** Speak your wishes, master! I will fulfill them!

**FRED:** You're serious? I can ask for anything, and you'll give it to me?

**GENIE:** Anything!

**FRED:** If I want a million dollars...