

# Discussion Questions

**Big Idea:** *You are a Diamond in the Rough!*

**Core Scripture:** *“The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.” 1 Samuel 16:7*

*“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:14-16*

## **Discussion Questions:**

· *In the beginning of the movie, Aladdin is called “worthless,” “street rat,” and “riff raff.” How do you think Aladdin felt about himself? How would you feel if you were called these names?*

· *The Cave of Wonders would only let the “Diamond in the Rough” enter. What does it mean to be a diamond in the rough? Read 1 Samuel 16:7 together. Explain that God looks at our hearts, not our outside appearance or what we do.*

· *Aladdin had a hard time understanding this concept. He was given three wishes by the genie. The first wish was wasted on him trying to win the approval of others by becoming a prince. Did this work out well with Jasmine? Have you ever tried to impress others by what you do or how you look? How did it work out?*

· *Galatians 1:10 says, “Obviously, I’m not trying to win the approval of people, but of God. If pleasing people were my goal, I would not be Christ’s servant.” When Aladdin realized that Jasmine was not impressed by the external factors but she cared about the internal factors, Aladdin came clean about who he was. Do you have a hard time just being yourself? Do you view yourself as a Diamond in the Rough? Why or why not?*

## **Challenge:**

*After Aladdin began to be himself, he learned that he was in fact very special. He ended up defeating Jafar! He was able to think of others before himself, especially when he sacrificed his third wish to free Genie!*

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*What are some ways you can begin to let your inner diamond shine and serve your friends and family around you?*

**(Parent Note:** *Answer these questions along with your kids. Help provide tangible examples of your life to set an example they may follow. Together, create some ideas on how you as a family can be a shining light during this time.)*

**Pray:** *Pray together as a family before you head off to bed tonight.*