

Cast

There are more than 40 speaking parts in It's A Miracle. However, the Travellers, Citizens etc. have only one or two lines each, so numbers can easily be reduced or expanded to suit your cast.

The Innkeepers and their families are the most important parts:

Innkeepers at the Bethlehem Towers

Samuel
Leah These two have a lot to do and need to be confident actors. They are the stuck-up owners of the 'upmarket' inn.

Their children:

Sarah
Saul
Simeon

Innkeepers at the Traveller's Rest

Isaac
Ruth A kind, easygoing, couple. They run the friendly inn.

Their children:

Rueben
Rachel
Rebekah An important part. **Sings solo** in 'It's A Miracle'

Shepherds 1 - 4 Need to be a lively and likeable group. Sing as a group in 'Get A Life'

Kings 1 - 3 Have some important dialogue, especially King 3

Mary **Solo** in 'Are We Nearly There Yet?'

Joseph

Angels 1 - 3 One angel has an important **solo** in It's a Miracle

Martha - A Servant

A Roman

Citizens of Bethlehem (9 speaking parts)

Travellers (10 speaking parts)

Customer

Extract from Scene 1

(Exit the citizens. Enter Ruth and Isaac, who sit outside the Traveller's Rest. Isaac reads a newspaper. Enter Leah and Samuel with Martha, their servant.)

Leah: Martha! Haven't you finished scrubbing the floors yet?

Martha: I'm doing my best.

Samuel: Get on with it! And you've still got the camel sheds to clean out.

Leah: You just can't get the staff these days.

(A customer enters and walks towards the Traveller's Rest.)

Leah: Oh, can I help you, sir?

Customer: No, not really. I'm going in here. *(Points to the Traveller's Rest.)*

Leah: I wouldn't recommend it.

(They block his way.)

Samuel: We run a vastly superior establishment.

Leah: Gourmet food!

Samuel: The finest wines!

Leah: *(Showing leaflets, etc.)* Check out our discount for group bookings.

Customer: What group? I'm on my own!

Samuel: Luxury accommodation.

Leah: *(Showing guide-book)* Four stars in the Bethlehem Pub Grub Guide - 5BC.

Customer: That's out of date!

Samuel: Don't miss this opportunity to experience outstanding customer service -

Leah: - in a quality leisure environment.

Customer: All right, all right.

Leah/Samuel: *(Each taking an arm)* Do step this way.

(Exit Leah, Samuel and Customer into Bethlehem Towers.)

Ruth: There goes another customer.

Isaac: They're certainly very keen. I admire them, really.

Ruth: That's all very well, my dear, but we've got a business to run, too.

Isaac: Don't worry, we'll all be busy soon. Have you seen the paper?

Ruth: No.

Isaac: They're expecting thousands of visitors in Bethlehem this week, registering for this new tax. It'll be chaos. It says, "Families face long journeys as the latest legislation creates a ..."

Ruth: Well, for goodness' sake! We'd better get organised and make up some extra beds. Come on!

(Exit)