

Cast list – Itsy Bitsy Christmas

Narrator: Hannah Boese

Itsy Mouse: Summer Hennig

Bitsy Mouse: Delaney Lundquist

Danielle Donkey: Avery Lundquist

Rowdy Rooster: Henry Boese

Grumpy Goat: Jordon Dickman

Harry Horse: Cale Wornson

Charlene Cow: Nevaeh Katzner

Petunia Pig: Clara Johnson

Sheep 1(3): Molly Johnson, Ariaiah Budish, Weston Hallquist

Sheep 2 (3): Erin Auel, Rylee Youngs, Matthew Katzner

Mrs. Owl: Katherine Horner

Ralph Rat: Carter Glasoe

Camels 1: Samantha Youngs

Camel 2: Adrienne Rotz

Camel 3: Chase Glasoe

Mary: Genevieve Chur

Joseph/townspeople: Levi Ethen/Isaiah Budish

Camels/singers: Colin Badger, Beckett Chur, Matthew Hegvik, Easton Hennig, Brantley Hoeft, Lucas Pogreba, Zachary Pogreba

Sheep/singers: Gentry Dellinger, Landon Dellinger, Libby Ethen, Clayton Hallquist, Jack Herbert, Macy Hoeft, Addison Lundquist, Teddy Mugaas, Lillian Novotny, Everett Rotz

Small group singers: Henry Boese, Ariaiah Budish, Heaston Hutton

Busy people, Sleepy people, Working people/singers: Analiese Blomquist, Faith Bourdeaux, Heaston Hutton, Grant Lundquist, Sawyer Novotny, Amelia Schwarze, Liam Weber, Choir

Itsy Bitsy Christmas

By Max Lucado

OPENING SONG – “O, Come Little Children” - choir and kids enter singing and get into positions for beginning of play.

Narrator: The town of Bethlehem is bustling. Everyone is getting ready for the census and the town is bursting at its seams. Even the animals are having trouble with the crowds...

(A crowd of people not looking where they're going, almost walks right into Bitsy the mouse.)

Itsy: Bitsy, watch out! *(grabs Bitsy out of the way)* Be careful, Bitsy. You don't want to get run over!”

Bitsy: *(Looking around)* I've never seen Bethlehem so busy! People everywhere. Wagons rolling. Cows mooing...

Charlene Cow: Moo!

Bitsy: Donkeys pulling. And camels...do you know that camels spit?...What is going on, Itsy?

Itsy: Follow me and I'll show you. It is time to count all of the people. Everyone has to go to their hometown and sign the big book.

Bitsy: This is a big day for Bethlehem.

Danielle: Big day indeed!

Itsy: Whoa, you're a big donkey! I can see up your nose.

Bitsy: Let me see! I've never seen the inside of a donkey's nose.

Itsy: Who are you?

Danielle: I'm Danielle from a faraway town.

Itsy: Are you here to be counted with the rest of the people?

Danielle: No...I am here because of the King.

Bitsy: What?!?

Danielle: Haven't you heard? The King is coming to Bethlehem.

Bitsy: But Bethlehem is an itsy-bitsy town. Why would a king come here?

Danielle: This King is special. He comes for everyone. Big and small.

Itsy: Like us?

Danielle: Like you.

Bitsy: Itsy, we need to tell our friends

Itsy: Yes! Yes! They will want to see the King, too!

Narrator: So Itsy and Bitsy left Danielle and scurried between people and animals on their way back to their home stable.

SONG: *“Do you Hear What I Hear?” small group, then all sing (Stable cast gets in position: Harry, Rowdy, Charlene, Grumpy, sheep, Petunia)*

Itsy: *(Yelling)* OK everyone, gather in. We need to talk.

(No reaction from animals)

Bitsy: Let me try. *(yelling)* Hey, everybody – we have big news!

(No reaction from animals)

Bitsy: *(turns to Rowdy Rooster)* Can you help us, Rowdy Rooster?

Rowdy: Sure. I love any excuse to make some noise. Cock-a-doodle-do!!

Grumpy: Hey! Knock it off. I’m trying to take a nap, here.

Bitsy: Itsy and I have big news!

Grumpy: You’re moving?

Harry: Grumpy Goat, be nice! Itsy and Bitsy, tell us your big news.

Petunia Pig: Did you bring us some delicious garbage to eat?

Charlene Cow: Or some grass to munch on?

Itsy: No, Petunia, no, Charlene! A King is coming to Bethlehem. To us!

(Pause, then everyone bursts out laughing)

Rowdy: A *King* to Bethlehem? That’ll never happen!

Sheep 1: Kings come to important places.

Sheep 2: Yeah, important places.

Grumpy: And to important people. Not to places like Bethlehem or to mice like you.

Harry: Itsy and Bitsy, I’m afraid this place is too common for a King. No King would care about us.

Itsy: Well it’s true. Bitsy and I are going to go find the King.

Grumpy: Good luck with that.

Narrator: It seemed as if none of their friends believed them, but Itsy and Bitsy were determined to find this King that was coming for everyone.

SONG: *To the tune of "Silver Bells" .(Owl, Camels, busy people, sleepy people, business people get into positions)*

Bitsy: *(dancing around)* To see the King, to see the King! Itsy, where will we find him?

Itsy: Well, let's go where the important people go. To the city gate!

Narrator: Off they went. The leaders of the town sat at the city gate, making decisions. Bitsy spotted a wise owl sitting by the gate.

Bitsy: Mrs. Owl, we hear that a King is coming to Bethlehem. Have you seen Him?

Mrs. Owl: A King in tiny little Bethlehem? Sorry, but you won't find a King here. Why don't you go ask Ralph Rat? He has his nose in everything. If anyone knows about a King, he will.

Bitsy: Thanks, Mrs. Owl! We will.

Narrator: Well, it took a little searching, but Itsy and Bitsy finally found Ralph Rat gnawing on some cheese over by the falafel stand.

Itsy: Hi Ralph! Do you know anything about a King coming into Bethlehem?

Ralphy: A King? Do I look like I've had time to look for a King? There are so many people here, it's all I can do to keep from being stepped on!

Bitsy: So, no King?

Ralphy: Nope. No King.

Itsy: I know...Let's go where the camels live. Kings ride on camels, right?

Narrator: So the two scampered over to the camel corral.

Itsy: Mrs. Camel, we are looking for a King. Have you seen him?

Camel 1: Silly mouse. I've carried some very rich and important people in my day, but I assure you, they didn't come here. *(spit)*

Camel 2: Yeah. Kings don't come to common places like Bethlehem. *(spit)*

Bitsy: But we talked to a donkey and he said...

Camel 3: Humph. Never trust a donkey, that's what I always say. *(spit)*

Itsy: Where else can we look?

Bitsy: Let's look everywhere!

Narrator: And so the mice ran everywhere. They ran to the main street where the busy people rushed around. They saw lots of busy people, but no King. They ran to the hotel where the sleepy people spent time resting. Lots of sleepy people, but no King. They ran to the city market where the business people worked all day. Lots of working people, but no King.

Narrator: Itsy and Bitsy were exhausted and it was getting dark.

Itsy: Let's go home, Bitsy. Everyone is right. No King is coming for us. We just aren't important enough.

Bitsy: I always wanted to see a King. Now I guess I never will.

Narrator: Dejected, the two mice headed back to their home at the stable.

SONG *"Baby Jesus, We Love You"*. (Daniel, Ruthie, Rowdy Charlie, Grumpy, sheep, owl, camels, Mary & Joseph get in position by stable)

Itsy: *(to the stable friends)* I'm sorry guys. We have looked all over town for the King.

Bitsy: We couldn't find him anywhere.

Danielle: Well, you just did.

(the animals part to show Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus)

Itsy: Who is that?

Harry: He is the King, little one. Just like you said, a King came to Bethlehem.

Mary: His name is Jesus.

Joseph: God sent him to love us, help us and save us.

Rowdy: He came for me, even though I laughed at you?

Petunia Pig: And for me, even though I like to eat garbage?

Charlene Cow: Even a vegetarian, like me?

Sheep 1: And for us, even though we doubted you?

Sheep 2: Yeah, even though we doubted you?

Grumpy: And me? I can get cranky sometimes.

All the animals: *(sarcastically)* No!

Danielle: God sent Jesus for us all.

Itsy: Who would have thought? A King for everyone.

Bitsy: He came, even for a little one like me!

SONG *"Baby Jesus, We Love You" reprise*

CLOSING SONG (All including congregation) *"Joy To the World"*