“No Room”
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What
In Bethlehem on the eve of Jesus’ birth, we meet a man whose heart has "no room" and a woman who is ready to make room, no matter what it takes. With God all things are possible, even the inconvenient!

Themes: Christmas, Comedy, Drama, Bethlehem, Nativity, Selfishness, Giving, Impossible, Inconvenience, Grace, Conscience

Who
Chaim – (male, middle-aged) Decent, but materialistic and hardened. The name rhymes with "climb," with the first consonant pronounced like the Scottish "Ach!"
Abigail – (female, middle-aged) Down to earth, but faithful and tender-hearted.

When
Bible times

Wear
Bible costumes desirable, but not required.

(Props)

Why

How
Be careful not to fall into New York-style Jewish accents—no accents are needed, really, just attitudes.

Time
Approximately 3-5 minutes
Chaim enters. He opens a door and reacts to audience as if they were visitors.

Chaim: No! We don’t have any space available. Ah, but I suppose you’re going to say you’re relatives. Suddenly everyone’s related to us!

Abigail: (Off stage) Chaim, who is it?

Chaim: More relatives.

Abigail: What?

Chaim: (To the crowd) You’re here for the census, right? And so you came to the “inn.” Ha! One large extra room, and that makes us the official inn at Bethlehem in Judea.

Abigail: (Now standing in doorway next to Chaim) Please excuse my husband. Four or five times a year a traveler will come through and need lodging—

Chaim: (Interrupting) For which he will pay us—sometimes quite well.

Abigail: But because of the census, Bethlehem is overrun and we are so crowded that we’re turning people away in droves – even some relatives.

Chaim: Some who are about as closely related to us as my donkey!

Abigail: (To Chaim) And that’s why you gave a whole room to that tax collector? Oy, what will the neighbors say?

Chaim: At least he was willing to pay good money.

Abigail: Money skimmed from the purses of poor hard-working Judeans! (To crowd) And what does he do for a nice young couple from Nazareth?

Chaim: What? I gave them the other room!

Abigail: "Other room?" It’s a stable!

Chaim: It’s a room.

Abigail: It’s a cave.

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ENDING:

Abigail: We could have stayed in the stable, Chaim.
Chaim: Impossible! It's winter. You know how my back gets. And you...you yourself said, "It's not clean. It's unhealthy."

Abigail: I would have lived—*we* would have lived. I do love animals. And, besides, God gives us the grace to do the—

Chaim: Inconvenient?

Abigail: *(Smiling)* I was going to say *impossible.*

*Abigail touches Chaim's hair. His face softens. But then he pulls away.*

Chaim: Well, what's done is done. *(To the crowd)* And we have no more room, even if you could pay. *(He exits.)*

Abigail: *(To the crowd)* Go in peace, friends. May Adonai give you grace to do the impossible...and even the inconvenient.

*She exits. Lights fade.*