*Meet the Cast* – primary school assembly

A primary school assembly to go with the **Lifewords**

booklet *Christmas: Meet the Cast*.

Start by choosing children to be various characters, and give each a prop or costume item to symbolise their character. Could be something like:

# Mary – sewing or headscarf

**Joseph – staff or carpentry tool Shepherds – toy sheep/crooks Wise men – gifts**

**Herod – crown**

As each is chosen, describe the character using the bullet points in the *Meet the Cast* booklet. Mary, for example, is described with these words: **Teenage**

# Pregnant Shocked Confused Joyful

(As the character is described, you might like to get the children to make gestures and facial expressions to fit each word!)

After all characters have been described, tell the story by drawing out from all the children what they know of it, making sure you emphasise how each character responded to Jesus.

Focus on each character in turn, asking all the children how each one had responded to Jesus

# Mary - knew he was the Son of God

**Joseph - knew he was the Saviour of the world Shepherds - knew he was Lord of all**

**Wise men - knew he was a king Herod – saw him as a threat**

Finish by saying that if they were asked who Jesus is, what would they say? (Don’t actually ask for answers, just let them think about it)

Pray if appropriate, and finish with a Christmas song that the children are familiar with.

You can order the *Meet the* Cast booklets and download the PowerPoint to help you tell the story from [www.lifewords.global/christmas](file:///D:\Users\ecole\Desktop\www.lifewords.global\christmas).