Meet the Cast – primary school assembly

A primary school assembly to go with the **SGM Lifewords** booklet *Christmas: Meet the Cast*.

Start by choosing children to be various characters, and give each a prop to symbolise their character:

Mary – sewing
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)

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

If equipment is available it would be good to use the *Meet the Cast* PowerPoint (available as a download from www.sgmlifewords.com) particularly when telling the actual story – and when emphasising how each character responded to Jesus.

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