



## **Information for Schools**

**The LIFE Exhibition** is a unique, interactive, mobile exhibition developed by COUNTIES, a UK based Christian Charity. The exhibition focuses on the life of Jesus, and aims to:

- help visitors understand what Christians believe about Jesus
- enable questioning and exploration of the life of Jesus
- encourage visitors to consider his impact in today's world
- allow visitors to think for themselves about the teachings of Jesus
- build on existing links between schools and local churches

**The LIFE Exhibition** covers a variety of themes, including:

**Life line** – discovering how the life of Jesus was predicted hundreds of years earlier by Jewish prophets.

**Life talks** – understanding how the unique teachings of Jesus are still known today.

**Life works** – seeing how Jesus' miracles helped people.

**Life giver** – exploring the impact of his death, burial and resurrection.

**The LIFE Exhibition** is an educational experience with active learning opportunities. Using PDA technology, with text, graphics, DVD and sound, the exhibition is a 'hands on' interactive learning experience. LIFE tells of the life of Jesus, his Jewish roots, his teaching and miracles, and his death, burial and resurrection. The final area of the exhibition is the LIFE Café, where pupils can have refreshments and discuss what they have seen and experienced. Further follow-up material is available via a dedicated web-site.

**The LIFE Exhibition** is aimed primarily at Upper Key Stage 2 (years 5 and 6), and incorporates aspects of the National RE Framework. It is also appropriate for younger or older children to visit.

**The LIFE Exhibition** is free to local schools thanks to the sponsorship of local hosting churches. A visit of approximately one hour will give one class sufficient time to go around the exhibition, and follow up with a discussion session in the LIFE Café.

**The LIFE Exhibition** replaces the previous *Bible Experience* Exhibition, which toured the UK for seven years, and was visited by over 120,000 people, including 60,000 in school parties. It also complements the two GSUS Live mobile exhibition units which currently visit secondary schools around the country ([www.gsuslive.co.uk](http://www.gsuslive.co.uk)).

See local details for further information about venue, opening times etc, or use the contacts below to see if LIFE is due to visit your area.

#### Further Notes:

- It is planned for the LIFE Exhibition to be in your area very soon. LIFE is a new exhibition following on from the very successful Bible Experience exhibition.
- LIFE has been designed to complement and support RE teaching which is already going on in schools, and clearly presents what Christians believe about the person and nature of Jesus. We want to ensure that before each visit, teachers are fully aware of exactly what will take place, and how they can best prepare for and follow on from the visit in the classroom. In many cases, local teachers will be supported by school/church children's workers, who may be able to make visits to the school/classroom both before and after the visit to the LIFE exhibition. We are keen to make the visit as effective and helpful as possible.
- This pack has been designed to give teachers as much help as possible, so that the visit to LIFE will be effective. We have included basic lesson plans which you may find helpful to introduce the themes of the exhibition and to follow on afterwards.
- A LIFE website has been developed [www.LifeExpo.co.uk](http://www.LifeExpo.co.uk) which includes information from this pack, and lesson resources to help in the classroom.
- We would be very grateful for feedback following a visit to LIFE, and to help you with this a feedback form is enclosed.

#### **Suggested Timing for LIFE Exhibition (approx)**

Welcoming and organising pupils	5 mins
Introductory Video	5 mins
PDA assignment	5 mins
Zones 1 – 3	22 mins
Zone 4 (inc. Z1-3 flexible time)	15 mins
LIFE Café	15 mins
Leave exhibition	3 mins
<b>Exhibition time in total</b>	<b>1 hour 10 mins (approx)</b>

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