

# Christmas Truce

## Message of the story

### Humanity Can Conquer the Worst of Circumstances

The Christmas Truce of 1914 is an incredible testament to what humanity can overcome. In a time when the world was at war—when killing and warfare were the daily occupation of hundreds of thousands of men—those most entrenched in the worst of ~~circumstances~~ circumstances decided to take a stand for ~~human~~ humanity. The soldiers of 1914 remind us of the choice we all can make: We can see others as humans who matter like we matter—even when they're our enemies. They also show us what can happen when we make that choice: enemies can become friends and, at least for a ~~document~~ moment, there is peace. Like the soldiers of 1914, we can choose to take a stand for humanity. We can choose to end the plague of

of dehumanization. We can choose to see others as people who matter like we matter. When we remember this choice, we also realize that we have the ability to make the most of the future.

~~So~~ So let's resolve to take a stand for humanity.