

CHRIST IN THE RUBBLE ADVENT CAMPAIGN



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Christians 4 Ceasefire calls on churches to center the image of Christ in the Rubble in their Advent and Christmas liturgies.

This image of Christ in the Rubble is a scene from the Lutheran Christmas Church in Bethlehem in 2023, where the traditional manger scene features baby Jesus in a bombed-out home. While Americans celebrate Christmas with joy, people in the land where Jesus was born are enduring genocide and bombardment from American bombs. The families who have survived in Gaza, broader Palestine, and Lebanon are homeless, starving, lacking medical care, and, in the case of thousands of children, orphaned.



When you build your advent creche, surround the Christ child with stones, broken concrete, and other rubble.



In Advent and Christmas sermons and homilies, speak about the genocide of our Palestinian brothers and sisters, both Christian and non-Christian



If you sing "O Little Town of Bethlehem," speak about the people living in Bethlehem today amid the US-funded military occupation of the land where Jesus walked.

Print and share this flyer with your church congregation. Post it on your bulletin boards.

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