Peace on the Battlefield

It was the night before Christmas in 1870. French and German armies faced each other on the field of battle in the Franco-Prussian War. A French soldier started walking toward the German lines.

His comrades watched breathlessly, expecting to hear at any instant the crack of a rifle that would end his life. As he neared the enemy lines, he stopped and began singing, "Noel, noel! Noel, noel! Born is the King of Israel!" No shot rang out.

Slowly, the Frenchman returned to his ranks. There was silence. Then from the German side came a lone soldier to that same spot and sang the German version of that same song. After each stanza, both armies united in the chorus.

For a few minutes, Christ brought peace to that battlefield.

God is a peacemaker Who always takes the first step. Jesus came as a baby, and when He grew to manhood, He preached peace to a warring world.

Then, in the greatest peace initiative this world has ever seen, Christ made peace between God and man by dying for our sins.

Our world today needs His peace – the peace that passes all misunderstandings.

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