

Bono Takes a Bold Stand for Jesus Christ

J is for Jesus in Bono's alphabet.

The singer took to U2's website to break down the ABC's of 2014 and included everything from expletives to pop culture icons to Nobel-winning inspirations, adding the Son of God into the mix of it:

"The Christmas story has a crazy good plot with an even crazier premise—the idea goes, if there is a force of love and logic behind the universe, then how amazing would it be if that incomprehensible power chose to express itself as a child born in [expletive] and straw poverty. ...

"But back to the Christmas story that still brings me to my knees—which is a good place for me lest I harm myself or others. Christmas is not a time for me to overthink about this child, so vulnerable, who would grow so strong ... to teach us all how vulnerability is the route to strength and, by example, show us how to love and serve. To me this is not a fairy tale but a challenge. I preach what I need to hear ... "

Bono crafted the list while on painkillers for an exercise injury, and sees the list as his reflections of the last year, a chance to honor those he values.