

What Would Jesus Cut?

A budget is a moral document.

Our faith tells us that the moral test of a society is how it treats the poor. As a country, we face difficult choices, but whether or not we defend vulnerable people should not be one of them.

Vaccines, bed nets, and food aid save the lives of thousands of children around the world every day. School lunches and early childhood education, tax credits that reward work and stabilize families—all are sound investments that a just

nation must protect, not abandon.

The deficit is indeed a moral issue, and we must not bankrupt our nation, nor leave a world of debt for our children. But how we reduce the deficit is also a moral issue. Our budget should not be balanced on the backs of poor and vulnerable people.

We ask our legislators to consider “what would Jesus cut?”

PLEASE DEFEND:

- International aid that directly and literally saves lives from pandemic diseases
- Critical child health and family nutrition programs—at home and abroad
- Proven work and income supports that lift families out of poverty
- Support for education, especially in low-income communities

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