

# Stations of the Cross

## A walkthrough for young kids

*As you begin every station, pray:*

**Parents:** We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

**Kids:** Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.



## A note for parents

If your child loses interest halfway through, or if you need to skip a few stations here or there, it's okay! Each year as your child grows and matures, he or she will be able to follow along more closely. Make a note to show your child the Stations of the Cross in your own parish church. Walk them, if you feel comfortable.



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# 1

## Jesus is condemned to death

**Parents:** We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

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The man on the left is Pontius Pilate, who handed Jesus over to the people who wanted him crucified.

## 2

# Jesus takes up his cross

**Parents:** We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

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Jesus willingly takes up his cross knowing that this is God's plan for him and for the world.

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## Jesus falls the first time

**Parents:** We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

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The cross is very heavy. Jesus falls because he is weak and tired.

# 4

## Jesus meets his mother, Mary

**Parents:** We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

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Mary goes to Jesus as he is carrying the cross. She loves Jesus very much and is sad to see him in pain.

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## Simon of Cyrene helps carry the cross

**Parents:** We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

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Simon wants to help Jesus. He helps Jesus hold and carry the cross.

# 6

## Veronica wipes Jesus' face

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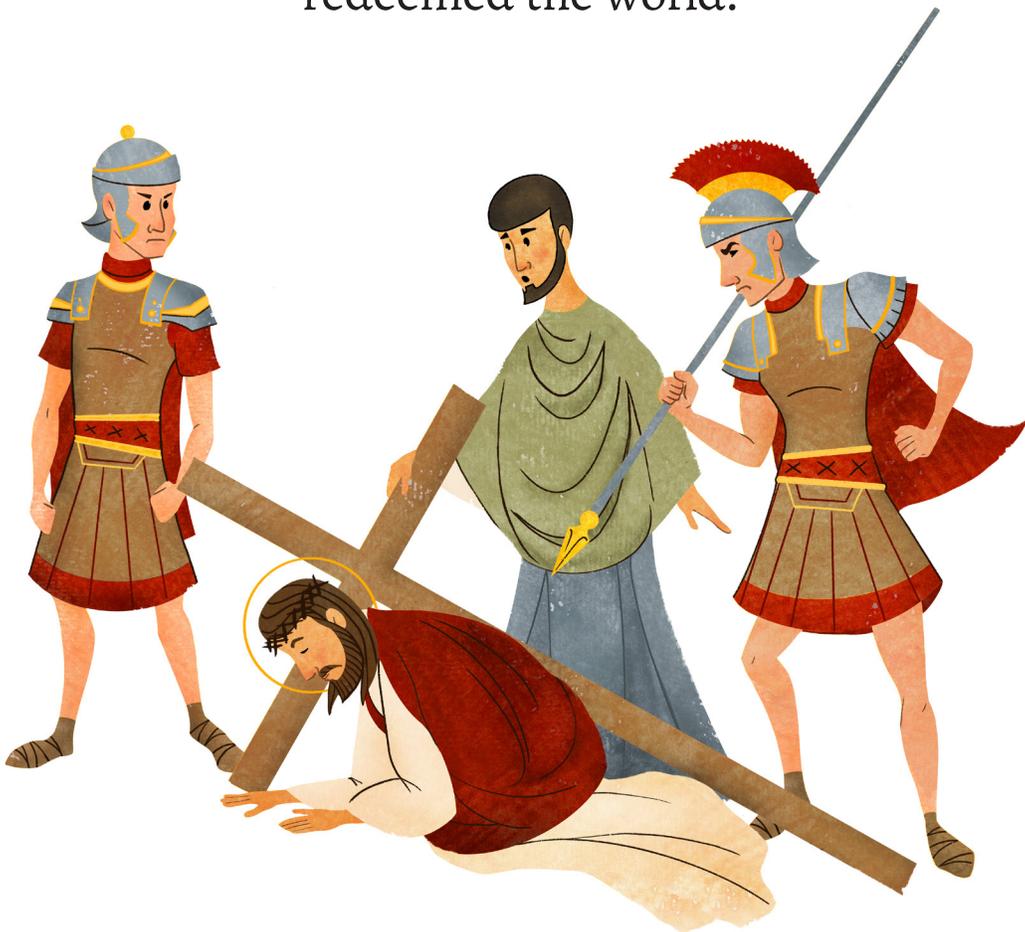
Veronica comes out of the crowd to wipe Jesus' face. When she removes the cloth, an image of Jesus' face miraculously appears on the cloth!

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## Jesus falls a second time

**Parents:** We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

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Jesus is weak from his long, hard journey.

## Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem

**Parents:** We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

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Women from the city are worried about Jesus.  
They cry for him, but Jesus tells them not to worry.

# 9

## Jesus falls a third time

**Parents:** We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

**Kids:** Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.



Jesus is very tired and weak. He is having trouble carrying the cross.

## Jesus is stripped of his clothes

**Parents:** We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

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The soldiers take off Jesus' clothes to embarrass him.

## Jesus is nailed to the cross

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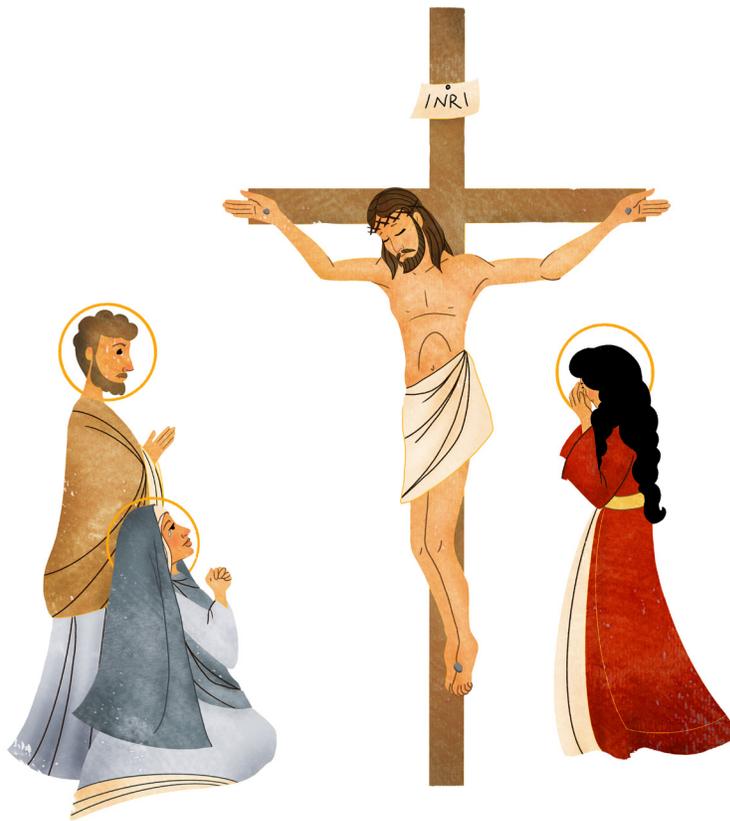


People laugh at Jesus as his hands and feet are nailed to the cross. Jesus is in much pain.

## Jesus dies on the cross

**Parents:** We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

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The ground shook and the sky went black. People were scared. Jesus takes his last breath and many people realize that Jesus was who he said he was: the Son of God.

## Jesus is removed from the cross

**Parents:** We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

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Joseph of Arimathea removed Jesus' body from the cross.

He carefully wrapped Jesus' body in burial cloths.

His mother, Mary, is there too.

## Jesus is buried

**Parents:** We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you.

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Jesus' body is placed inside a tomb.  
A big stone is placed in front of the opening.



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