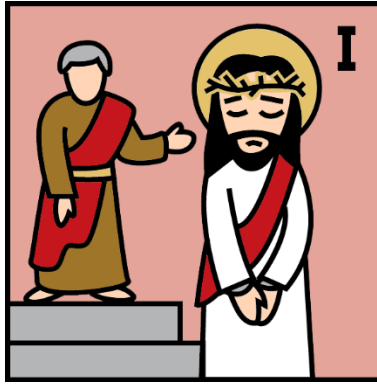


# Stations of the Cross



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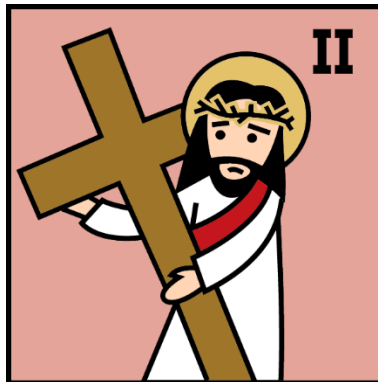
*Reader: The First Station, Jesus is condemned to death.*

*Leader: We adore you O Christ and we praise you*

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

*Leader: When Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and a purple cloak, Pilate said to them: Look at the Man.*

*Pilate: I told Jesus that he would have to die. Jesus: I did not hate you Pilate for condemning me to death. It was part of God's Plan.*



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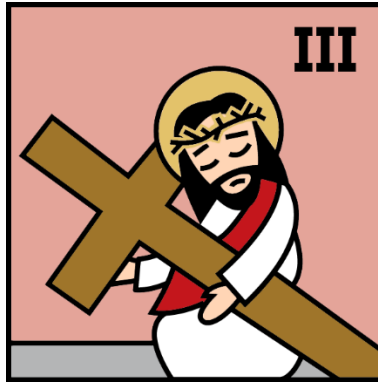
*Reader: The Second Station, Jesus Carries His Cross*

*Leader: We adore you O Christ and we praise you,*

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

*Leader: In obedience to his Father, Jesus accepts his cross and begins his journey to Calvary.*

*Jesus: I took my cross and I started to carry it over the stony path to Calvary.*



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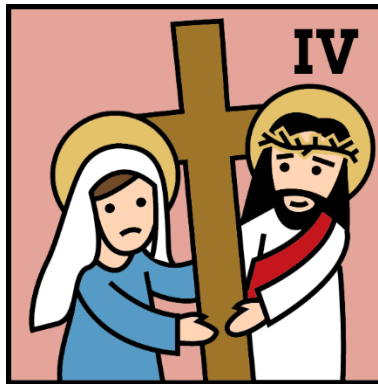
*Reader: The Third Station, Jesus falls the first time.*

*Leader: We adore you O Christ and we praise you,*

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

*Leader: Under the weight of the cross, Jesus stumbles and falls hard to the ground. Despite the pain, he got up and continued on his way.*

*Jesus: I tripped and I fell, but I couldn't stop, so I got up again.*



4.

*Reader: The Fourth Station, Jesus meets his mother, Mary.*

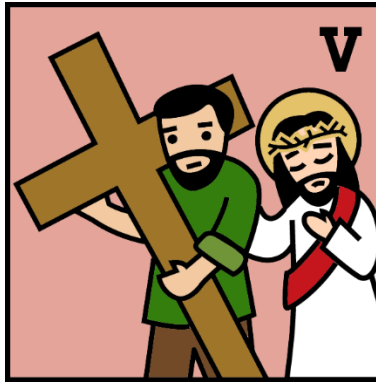
*Leader: We adore you O Christ and we praise you,*

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

*Leader: As their eyes met, Jesus saw the anguish of Mary's heart. He could not take away her pain and this added to his suffering.*

*Jesus: I saw my mother. She looked so sad, but I was glad that she was there.*

*Mary: I saw my son Jesus. He looked so hurt and I knew that it helped him to see me there.*



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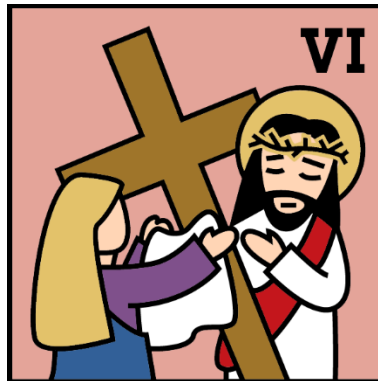
*Reader: The Fifth Station, Simon of Cyrene is forced to carry Jesus' cross.*

*Leader: We adore you O Christ and we praise you,*

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

*Leader: The soldiers laid hold of a certain Simon of Cyrene, a passerby, who was coming in from the country and forced him to help Jesus carry the Cross.*

*Simon of Cyrene: I helped Jesus too. Even though I was tired and coming home from work, I lifted his cross and carried it with Jesus.*



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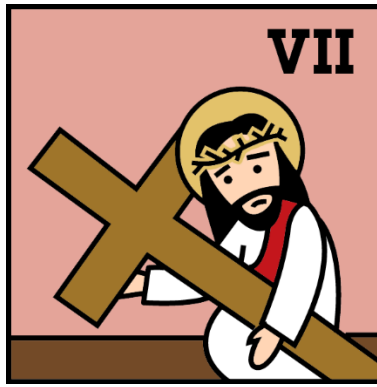
*Reader: The Sixth Station, Veronica wipes the face of Jesus.*

*Leader: We adore you O Christ and we praise you,*

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

*Leader: Veronica offered Jesus a moment of relief as she wiped the sweat and blood from his face.*

*Veronica: I saw Jesus and his face looked so dirty and hot. I took off my veil and wiped it for him.*



7.

*Reader: The Seventh Station, Jesus falls a second time.*

*Leader: We adore you O Christ and we praise you,*

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

*Leader: Jesus is overcome and stumbles again. This time it is even harder to get up.*

*Jesus: I fell again, even with Simon helping me. I did not want to get up, but I had to try.*



8.

*Reader: The Eighth Station, Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem.*

*Leader: We adore you O Christ and we praise you,*

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

*Leader: Jesus looks at the women crying and says, "Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children."*

*Women: We saw Jesus and we started to cry. We did not want to see him die. Jesus: I told the women not to cry for me, for God was taking care of me, even as I struggled to carry my cross.*



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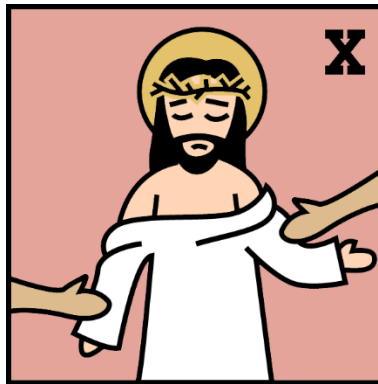
*Reader: The Ninth Station, Jesus falls a third time.*

*Leader: We adore you O Christ and we praise you,*

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

*Leader: The pain has become unbearable and Jesus collapses.*

*Jesus: Again, I fell for the third time. It was so hard to walk and I was so tired, but I was almost there.*



10.

*Reader: The Tenth Station, Jesus is stripped of his clothing.*

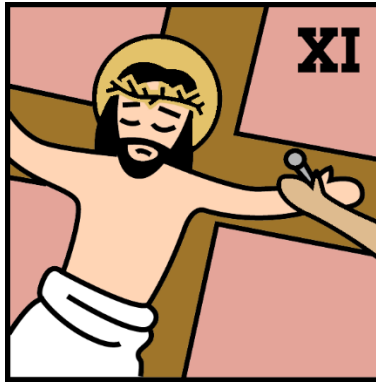
*Leader: We adore you O Christ and we praise you,*

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

*Leader: The soldiers took his clothes and cast lots to see who would get them.*

*Soldiers: We took Jesus' clothes. It was our prize for putting Jesus to death.*

*Jesus: They took my clothes, but not my faith. I knew that God would see me through this.*



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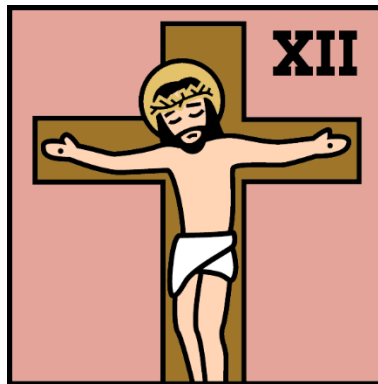
*Reader: The Eleventh Station, Jesus is nailed to the cross.*

*Leader: We adore you O Christ and we praise you,*

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

*Leader: Having arrived at the place called Calvary, they crucified him there, and with him two thieves, one on the right, the other on the left. Soldiers: Then we nailed Jesus to the cross. He did not even try to save Himself.*

*Jesus: The nails went through my hands and feet. I did not come to save myself, I came to save the world.*



12.

*Reader: The Twelfth Station, Jesus dies on the cross.*

*Leader: We adore you O Christ and we praise you,*

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

*Leader: Then Jesus said, "Father into your hands I commend my spirit." And bowing his head, Jesus gave up his spirit.*

*Jesus: Then I died, but as I died, I was conquering death.*



13.

*Reader: The Thirteenth Station, The body of Jesus is taken off the cross.*

*Leader: We adore you O Christ and we praise you,*

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

*Leader: Stunned by all they had witnessed, the disciples took Jesus' body down from the cross so it might no longer be subject to violation and scorn.*

*Disciples: We took our friend Jesus down from the cross. We were very sad. We already missed him.*



14.

*Reader: The Fourteenth Station, Jesus is laid in the tomb.*

*Leader: We adore you O Christ and we praise you,*

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

*Leader: Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus, disciples, wrapped Jesus' body in a clean linen shroud and rolled a great stone in front of the entrance to the tomb.*

*Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus: We wrapped Jesus' body in clean linen and laid him in a tomb. He was our friend and brother.*