

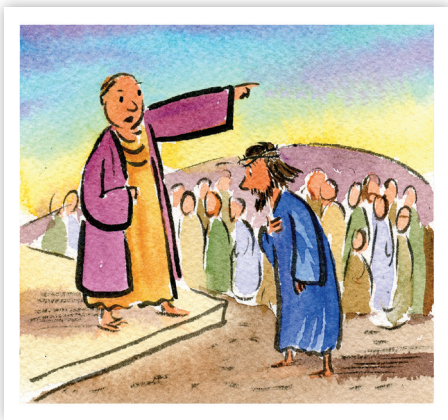
Walking with Jesus



A Children's Journey Through
the Stations of the Cross

INTRODUCTION

The Stations of the Cross help us remember the journey Jesus took on his way to die on the cross for us. Each station tells part of the story, from when Jesus was condemned to his burial in the tomb. As you pray and think about these stations, remember that Jesus did this because he loves you so much. He understands what it's like to go through hard times, and he wants to be with you in your tough moments too. These devotions will help you see how Jesus's journey can teach us about love, kindness, forgiveness, and bravery. As you walk with Jesus through these 14 stations, try to imagine what he went through and how you can follow his example in your own life.



STATION 1

Jesus is Condemned to Death

Jesus stood before Pilate, innocent of any wrongdoing. Yet, the people shouted, "Crucify him!" Even though he had done nothing wrong, Jesus accepted his fate. He knew this was part of God's plan to save the world. Sometimes, life can feel unfair, and we might be treated wrongly too. Jesus understands what that feels like and shows us how to trust in God, even when it's hard. He teaches us to accept difficult moments with patience and love.

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, help me to trust in God's plan, even when life seems unfair. Give me the strength to be kind and patient. *Amen.*



STATION 2

Jesus Takes Up His Cross

After being condemned, Jesus was given a heavy cross to carry through the streets. The weight of the cross was enormous, but he carried it because he loves us. When we face hard things in life—like homework, chores, or problems with friends—Jesus understands. He teaches us that we can carry our burdens with love and courage, knowing he is with us every step of the way.

PRAYER

Jesus, help me to carry the heavy things in my life with strength and love, just as you carried your cross for me. *Amen.*



STATION 3

Jesus Falls the First Time

As Jesus walked with the heavy cross, he fell to the ground. He was exhausted and in pain, but he didn't stay down. He got up and kept going. Sometimes, we fail or fall, and it feels like we can't get up again. But Jesus shows us that when we fall, we don't give up. We get back up, try again, and keep moving forward. He gives us strength to keep going, no matter how hard things seem.

PRAYER

Jesus, when I fall or make mistakes, help me to get back up and try again, just like you did. *Amen.*



STATION 4

Jesus Meets His Mother

On his way to the cross, Jesus saw his mother, Mary. Even though he was in pain, he knew how much she loved him, and she knew how much he loved her. This reminds us of how important our families are, especially when life is hard. Seeing Mary gave Jesus strength, just like our families give us strength when we need it. Love gives us the power to keep going.

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, help me to appreciate my family and their love, just like you loved and appreciated your mother. *Amen.*



STATION 5

Simon Helps Jesus Carry the Cross

Jesus was so tired that he could barely carry his cross any longer. The soldiers pulled a man named Simon from the crowd to help him. Simon probably didn't expect to help Jesus that day, but he did what was needed. We can be like Simon by helping others who are struggling. When we help people, we are also helping Jesus. Sometimes, just lending a hand or saying a kind word can make a big difference.

PRAYER

Jesus, help me to be like Simon and help others when they are in need, even if I don't feel ready.
Amen.



STATION 6

Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus

As Jesus struggled, a woman named Veronica stepped out of the crowd to wipe his face. It was a small act, but it meant so much to Jesus. Even though she couldn't take away his pain, she showed him love and kindness. This reminds us that even the smallest acts of kindness can make a big difference. We should never be afraid to show kindness to others, especially when they are suffering.

PRAYER

Jesus, help me to show kindness to others, even in small ways, like Veronica did for you. *Amen.*



STATION 7

Jesus Falls for the Second Time

Once again, Jesus fell under the weight of the cross. The journey was long, and he was very tired. But even after falling a second time, he didn't quit. Sometimes, we face problems again and again, and it can feel like too much. Jesus teaches us that even when things seem impossible, we can keep going. He is always with us, helping us to get up and try again.

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, when I feel like giving up, help me to remember how you kept going, and give me the strength to keep trying. *Amen.*



STATION 8

Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem

On his way to the cross, Jesus saw women who were crying for Him. Even though he was suffering, he stopped to comfort them. He told them not to cry for him, but to take care of themselves and their children. This teaches us that, even when we are going through hard times, we can still think about others. Jesus wants us to care for the people around us, no matter what we're facing.

PRAYER

Jesus, help me to think about others, even when I have problems of my own. Let me show your love to everyone I meet. *Amen.*



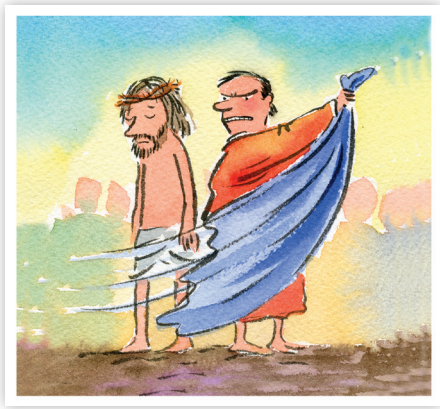
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Jesus Falls for the Third Time

By now, Jesus was extremely weak, and he fell for the third time. But once again, he got back up and kept going. Jesus shows us that no matter how many times we fall, we can always get up again. He understands how hard life can be, but he teaches us to keep trying, knowing that God will always help us.

PRAYER

Jesus, when I feel weak or tired, give me the courage to keep going and trust in your strength to help me. *Amen.*



STATION 10

Jesus is Stripped of His Clothes

When Jesus reached the hill where he would be crucified, the soldiers took his clothes away. This was meant to embarrass him and make him feel ashamed. But Jesus knew that our worth doesn't come from what we wear or what we have—it comes from being loved by God. No one can take away our dignity, because we are all special to God.

PRAYER

Jesus, help me to remember that I am loved by God, no matter what others may think or say.
Amen.



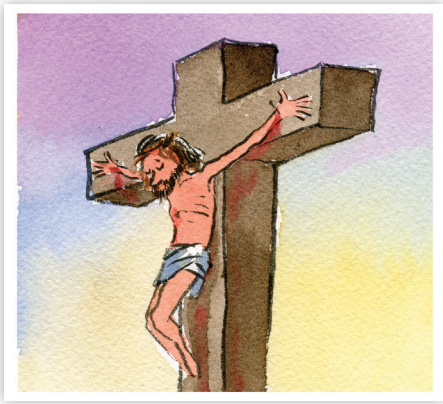
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Jesus is Nailed to the Cross

With every hammer blow, Jesus suffered terribly as he was nailed to the cross. It's hard to imagine how much pain he went through. But Jesus stayed on the cross because he loves us so much. He was willing to suffer for us so that we could be forgiven and have eternal life. His love is greater than all the pain he faced.

PRAYER

Jesus, thank You for loving me so much that you suffered on the cross for me. Help me to love you and others with all my heart. *Amen.*



STATION 12

Jesus Dies on the Cross

After hours of suffering, Jesus died on the cross. It was the saddest moment in history, but it was also the greatest act of love. Jesus gave his life so that we could be saved from sin and live forever with God. His death shows us how much God loves each of us. Even when we face sadness, we can have hope, because Jesus opened the way to heaven.

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, thank you for dying on the cross to save me. Help me to live in a way that shows my love for you. *Amen.*



STATION 13

Jesus is Taken Down from the Cross

After Jesus died, his body was taken down from the cross. His friends and family were heartbroken, but they treated his body with great care. Even in their sadness, they showed love and respect. This reminds us to care for others in their times of need, especially when they are hurting or grieving. Love and kindness are always important, even in the saddest times.

PRAYER

Jesus, help me to show love and care to those who are hurting, just as your friends cared for you.
Amen.



STATION 14

Jesus is Laid in the Tomb

Jesus's body was placed in a tomb, and it seemed like the end. But we know that this was not the end of the story—Jesus would rise again! Sometimes, we have to wait and trust that God has a bigger plan. Even when things seem dark, we can have hope, because Jesus showed us that love is stronger than death.

PRAYER

Dear Jesus, help me to trust in your plan, even when things seem sad or uncertain. I know that with you, there is always hope. *Amen.*