

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

KIDS COLORING + READING GUIDE

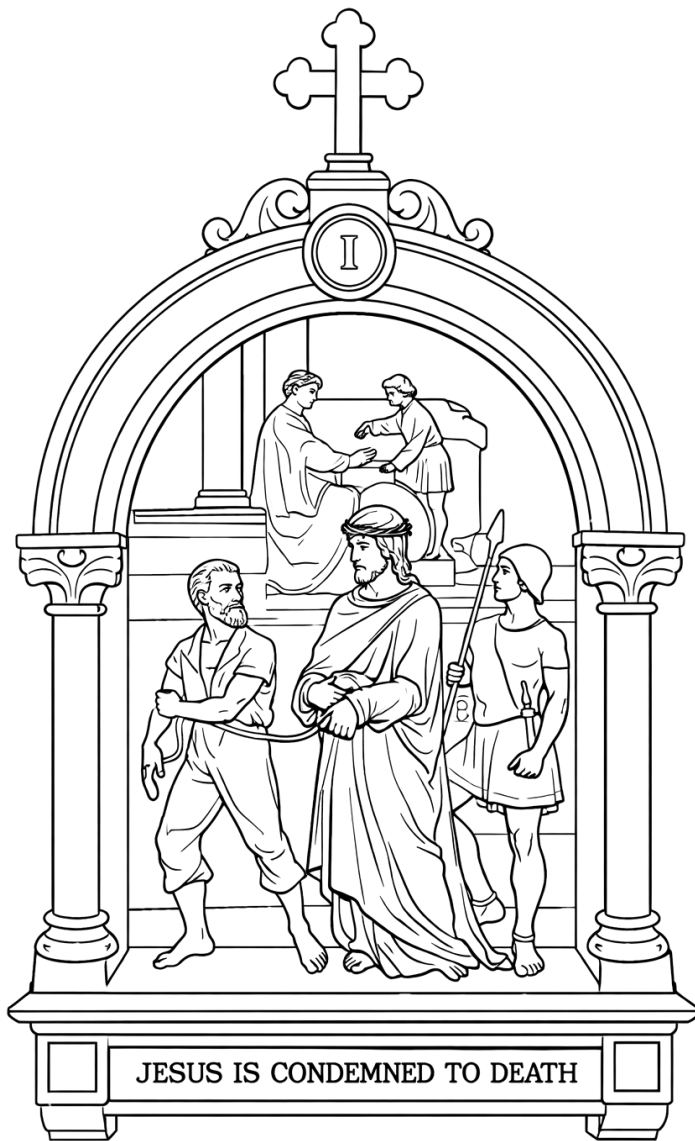


INTRODUCTION:

Walking through the Stations of the Cross is a way to remember what Jesus experienced for us. This guide is meant to help parents and caretakers have meaningful conversations with children about the story of Jesus and His great love.

As you begin, we encourage you to start with a prayer together. Our hope is that through this activity, children will see God's love more clearly and feel close to Him.

Although we do not pray to the stations themselves, we believe that art and reflection can help us better understand all that God has done for us.



Station 1

Before Pilate, Jesus stood accused,
Betrayed, spit on, beaten, and bruised.

Pilate said he wanted to set Jesus free,
But the people insisted he be found guilty.

With that, Jesus was sentenced to die,
And as he was led away,
the people mocked him as he passed by.



Station 2

Forced to carry a wooden cross.
Jesus made his way up the hill to die for us.

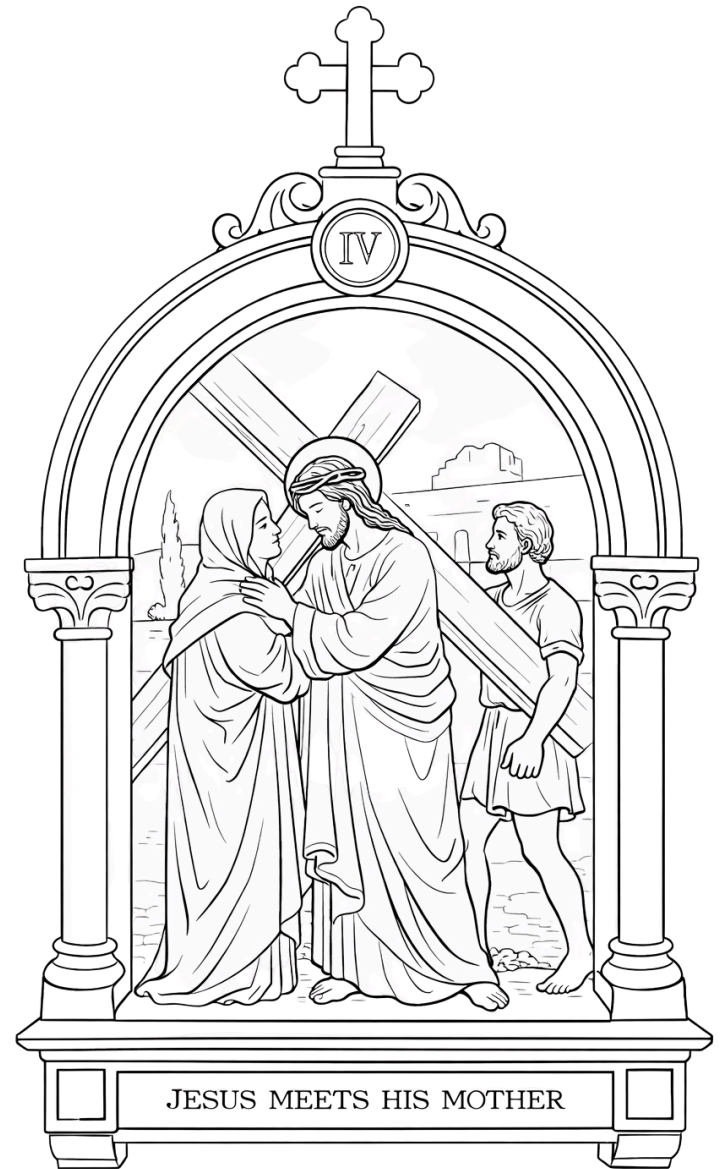
The cross was heavy, the weight was a lot
But Jesus knew what we did not



Station 3

The cross was a burden, the road was steep,
Jesus fell down, his body weak.

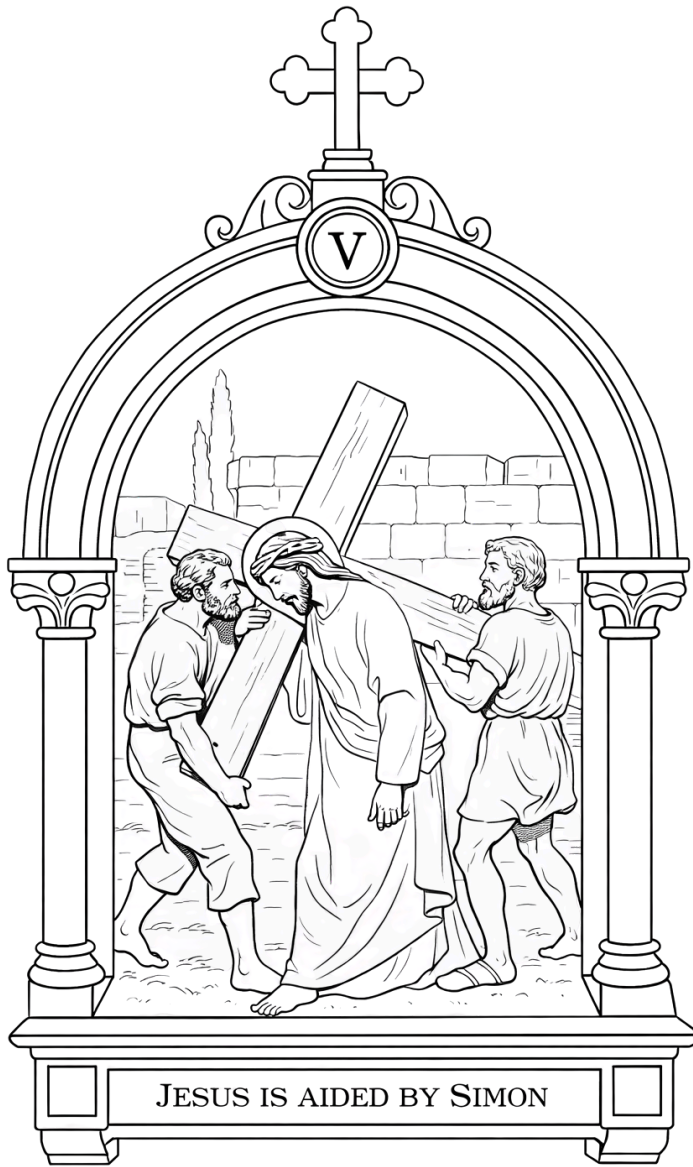
He stood back up and kept going on,
Even when he knew he was not in the wrong



4th Station

Along the road, his mother drew near,
Her heart was filled with love and fear.

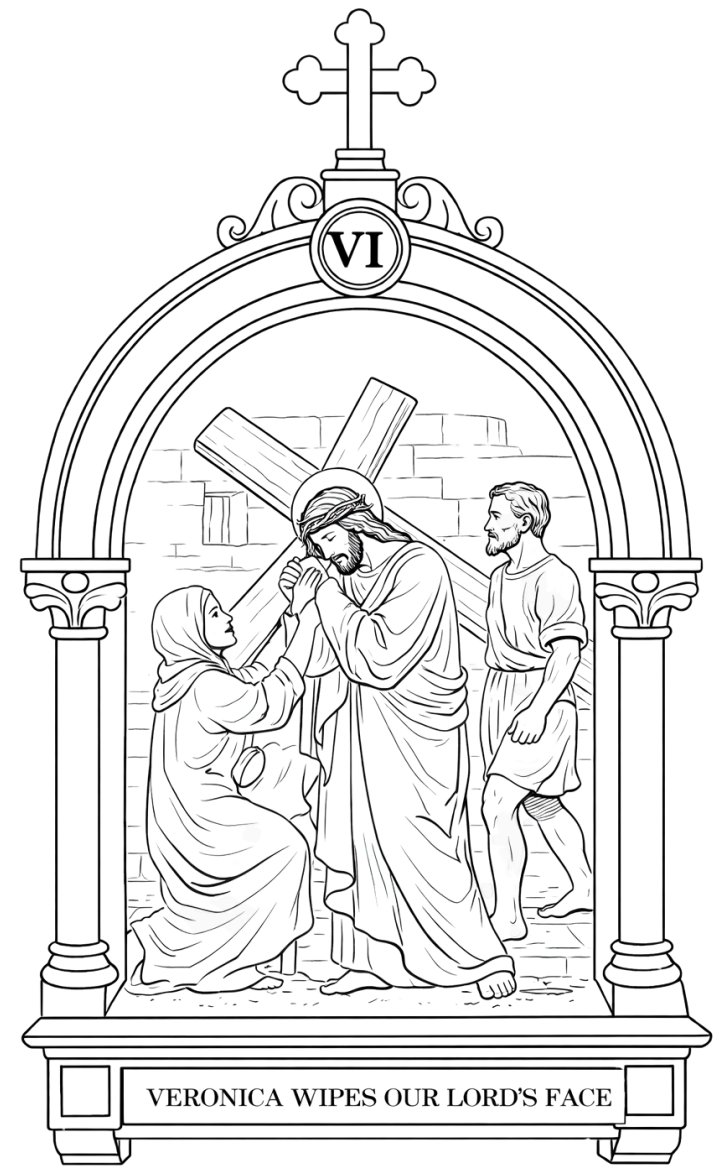
He called on a disciple and asked him to take care
Jesus ensured his mother always had someone there



Station 5

Simon was called from the crowd that day,
To help Jesus carry the cross on the way

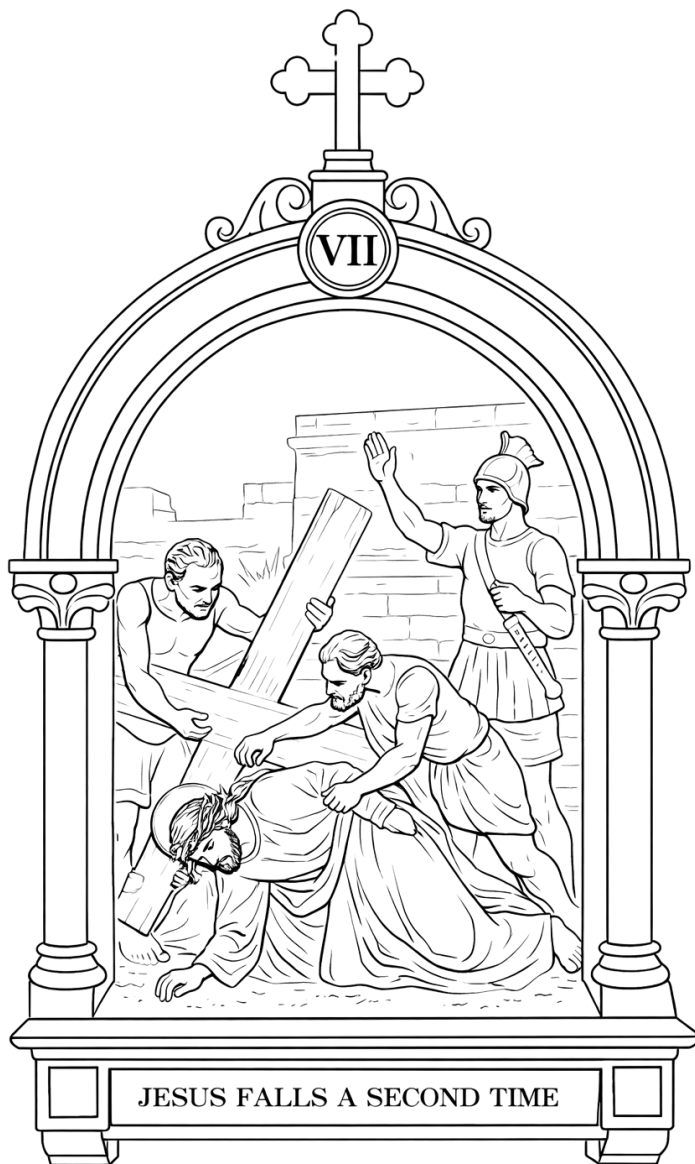
The cross was shared, the weight was eased
Simon was able to fulfill the need



Station 6

Veronica stepped out to wipe Jesus' face
She wanted to serve him no matter the place

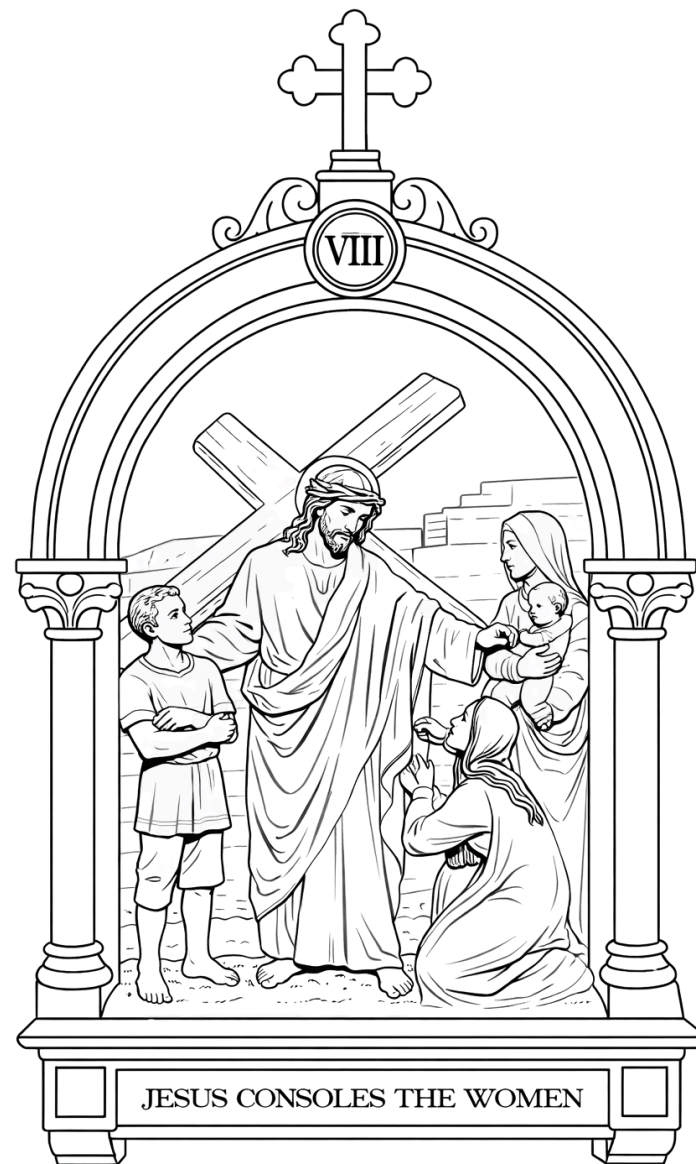
The sixth station is inspired by a story that has been passed down through tradition. While it is not found in Scripture, it has been preserved because it offers a powerful example of love and compassion that can inspire us today.



Station 7

Again Jesus fell beneath the weight,
The road was long, the pain was great.

Still, he rose and walked once more,
Even though he was beaten and sore



Station 8

Women cried as Jesus passed by,
Seeing his pain brought tears to their eyes.

Jesus said "do not weep for me"
He knew things that we could not see



Station 9

For a third time, Jesus fell down,
So tired and weak on the hard-packed ground.

But he stood once more and finished the way,
People thought this was his last day



Station 10

Jesus' clothes were taken from him
And the soldiers cast lots for the items

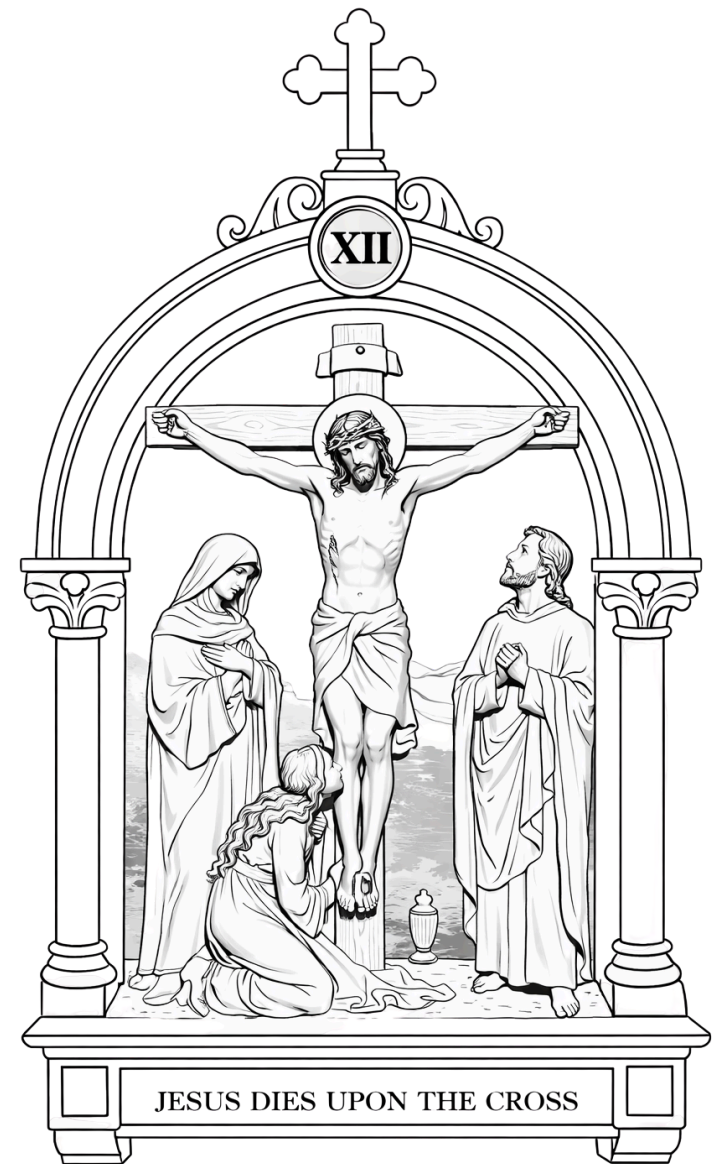
Jesus did not fight back, he kept still
He knew his death was the Father's will



Station 11

Nails were driven through hands and feet,
Still Jesus loved those he would meet.

He prayed for others in pain and loss,
He showed forgiveness upon the cross.



Station 12

Jesus suffered on the cross made of wood
dying on the Friday we call "Good."

This day did not seem good at all
In fact, a sadder day they could not recall.



Station 13

Jesus' body was taken down with care,
Held by those who loved him there.

Confused as to how they should think and should feel,
They were wondering how all of this could be real.



Station 14

Jesus' body was laid in a tomb after he died,
A heavy stone sealed the entrance with a guard
outside.

Yes, Sunday morning they would hurry to the tomb,
But now they would wait and sit together in the gloom.

Although the stations do not continue
We know that Jesus died for me and you

He died on the cross for all of our sins
and Jesus knew he would rise again

From the biggest and strongest, to the weak and the small,
Jesus came to save you and me, once and for all.

Easter is coming....

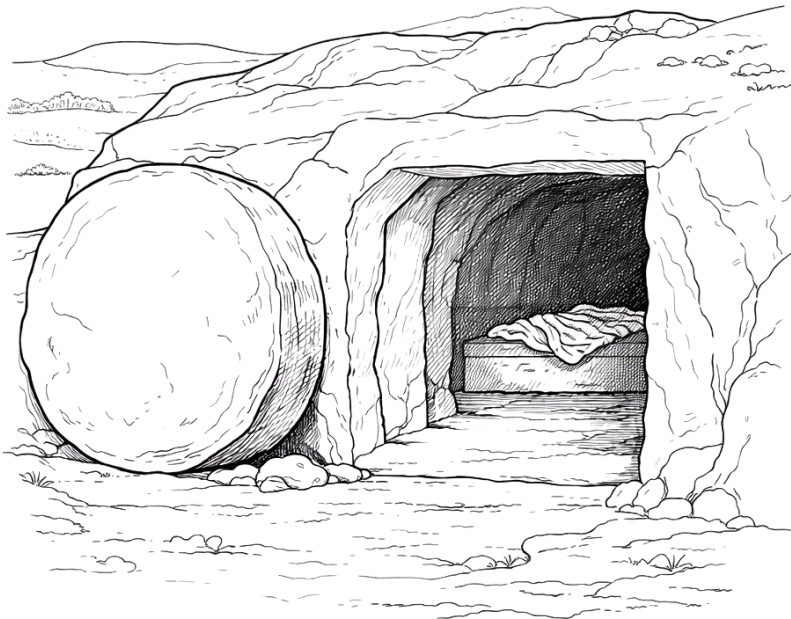
Saturday was still met with gloom
But Sunday the women still rushed to the tomb,

Carrying linens, spices, and fragrant perfumes.

When they arrived, so early that day
The tomb was open, and the stone was rolled away!

Two angels greeted the women and said,
“Why do you seek the living among the dead?”

“He is not here! He has risen!” they proclaimed,
It was just as Jesus had been trying to explain!



The women ran to tell friends the good news with great speed,
Jesus is risen; he is risen indeed!

Because Jesus has risen, we too can be free,
Forgiven fully, freely, and for all eternity!

May “Hosanna — save us!” be our heart’s cry,
To Jesus, the King of Kings, the Most High.

For the wages of sin is death, a debt we can’t afford,
But the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Jesus came to save you and me, once and for all.