

THE Stations OF THE CROSS for Children



Opening Prayer

Leader: Loving God, your Son Jesus showed his great love for us by making the long, slow journey to his death. Because of his suffering and death, we have been freed from our sins. Because of his suffering and death, we are promised a place with you in heaven. We unite ourselves to him now by following in his footsteps along this Way of the Cross. In doing this, may we learn to follow his way of love in all that we do. We ask this, dear God, in the name of your Son, Jesus, who lived and died for us.

Children: Amen



FIRST STATION

Jesus is condemned to die.

Leader: Jesus' trial is over. Pilate can find nothing bad in Jesus' actions. Pilate asks the people, "Shall I crucify your king?" They reply, "We have no king but Caesar." In the end, Pilate hands Jesus over to be crucified.

Children:

"It isn't fair!" we want to cry when Jesus is condemned to die. Jesus, make us strong like you when blamed for things we didn't do.

SECOND STATION

Jesus takes up his cross.

Leader: Just see what a heavy cross Jesus is asked to carry. Think about the long way he has to go to reach the hill of Calvary. Oh how great is Jesus' love to suffer so much just for us.

Children:

Worries, illness, problems, cares are crosses we are asked to bear. By your cross you lead the way and give us strength to face each day.



THIRD STATION

Jesus falls for the first time.

Leader: Jesus has been badly beaten, and he is very weak. He falls to his knees under the great weight of the cross.

Children:

It makes us sad to have to see the Son of God down on his knees. Dear Jesus, help us start anew each time we fail to follow you.

