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HOW TO USE THIS BOOKLET

 = Leader Reads

 = Children Read

THE FIRST STATION

Jesus is condemned to death

✝ We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.



Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.

✝ The soldiers brought Jesus to Pilate, the Roman judge. A crowd of angry people wanted Jesus put to death. They shouted, "Crucify him!" Jesus was innocent. He had done nothing wrong, but Pilate was afraid of the angry crowd, so he sent Jesus away to be crucified.



Pilate listened to the shouts of the angry crowd. No one was there to help you. Sometimes I see people who need help. I feel good when I am kind and help others. Everyone needs a little help now and then, even me.



Prayer: *Jesus, teach me to stand up for other people and offer my help. Amen.*

Sing or Recite: *"We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again."*

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This Lent, children can accompany Jesus along the Way of the Cross and see how our Lord redeemed the world by his journey.

Developed by primary-grades teacher and religious-education coordinator Barbara Yoffie, the text about the fourteen traditional stations uses language children can understand. The charming drawings by illustrator Chris Sharp enable them to visualize Jesus at each station.



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