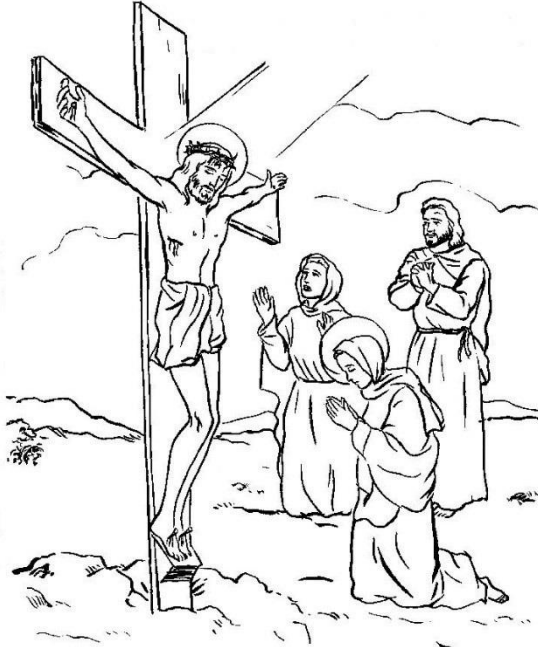


# STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR CHILDREN

Based on "A Simple Presentation for Kids Ten and Under"  
by: Theresa Difato with minor modifications\*



Jesus dies on the Cross for our salvation.

## PREPARATION PRAYER

All (kneel): **My dear Jesus, / you carried your cross / and allowed yourself to be hurt / because you love me / and wanted to save me from my sins. / Too often I have forgotten how much you love me. / Help me to be sorry for my sins / and to love you with my whole heart / as I remember how you suffered and died for me upon the cross. Amen**

All sing: ***Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?***

# THE FIRST STATION: Jesus is condemned to death



Station 1 - Jesus is condemned to death - © 2016 TheCatholicKid.com

Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. (genuflect)

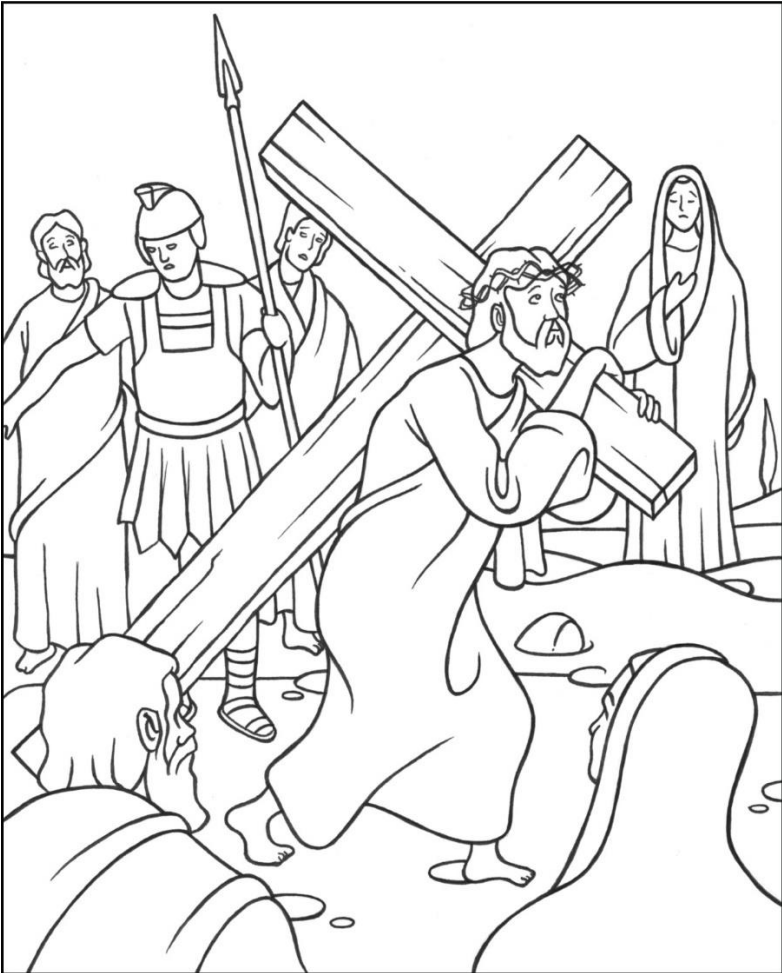
All: **Because by your holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.**

Leader: Jesus was accused of many crimes he didn't commit. He didn't defend himself. He knew he needed to die for our sins.

All (kneel): **Jesus, I often get defensive when I know I did something wrong. Help me to be honest. I also don't want to be a tattletale or wrongly accuse others of doing wrong.**

Optional: Hail Mary

**THE SECOND STATION: Jesus accepts the cross.**



Station 2 - Jesus carries His cross - © 2016 TheCatholicKid.com

Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. (genuflect)

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

Leader: The cross was big and heavy. It was hard for Jesus to carry it. Jesus carried the heavy cross without complaining once.

All (kneel): **Sometimes schoolwork or jobs at home are hard for me and I complain. Jesus, please help me not to complain. I want to keep trying, even when I find something hard.**

Optional: Hail Mary

**THE THIRD STATION: Jesus falls the first time.**



Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. (genuflect)

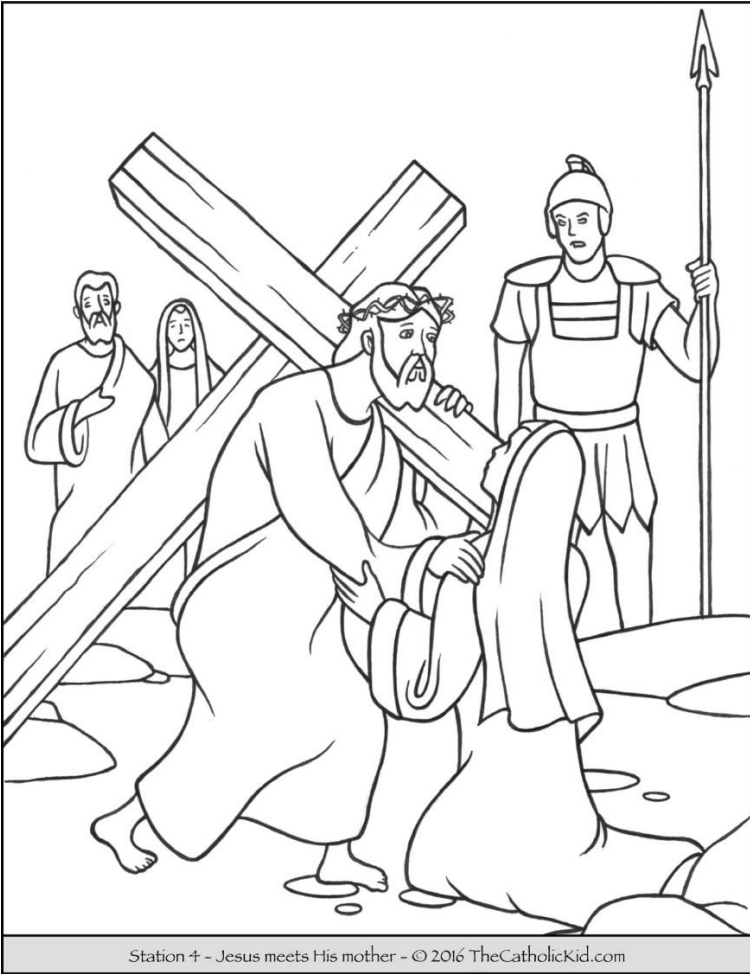
All: **Because by your holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.**

Leader: Jesus was already badly wounded when he fell the first time. It must have hurt very much. Jesus got up and kept on going.

All (kneel): **When we don't succeed in school or when we lose a sports game, it can make us feel defeated. Jesus was hurt but never defeated. Jesus, I want your attitude of hope and Victory even if I am not succeeding.**

Optional: Hail Mary

**THE FOURTH STATION: Jesus meets his mother.**



Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. (genuflect)

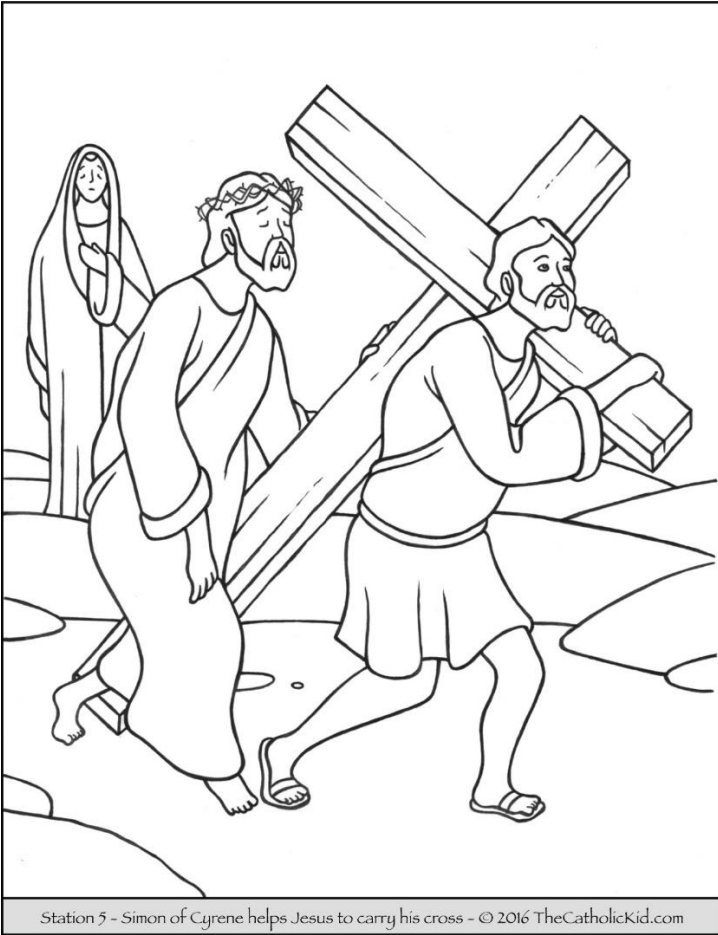
All: **Because by your holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.**

Leader: Jesus knew that his mother was sad to see him suffering. But he was happy she came to him. Mary loves Jesus very much.

All (kneel): **Our parents love us very much, and sometimes we don't let them hug us and care for us because we are mad or sad or don't want them to see us in trouble. Jesus, I thank you for my parents and their love for me.**

Optional: Hail Mary

**THE FIFTH STATION:** Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus.



Station 5 - Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus to carry his cross - © 2016 TheCatholicKid.com

Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. (genuflect)

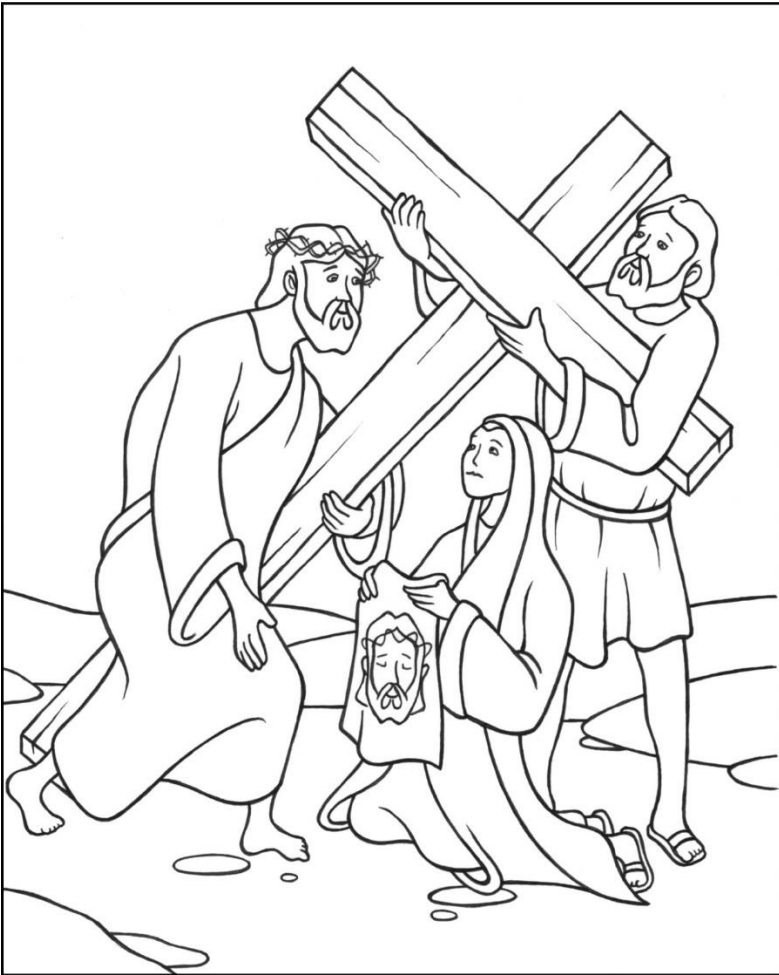
All: **Because by your holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.**

Leader: Simon didn't come to help Jesus but only to see what was going on. But Jesus was struggling, and the soldiers ordered Simon to help Jesus carry the cross. Later, he was glad he did.

All (kneel): **Sometimes I don't want to help my friends or brothers and sisters or parents when I am told to. Jesus, help me know that when I do help others, it is like helping you. I want to be kind and helpful.**

Optional: Hail Mary

**THE SIXTH STATION:** Veronica wipes Jesus' face.



Station 6 - Veronica wipes the face of Jesus - © 2016 TheCatholicKid.com

Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. (genuflect)

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

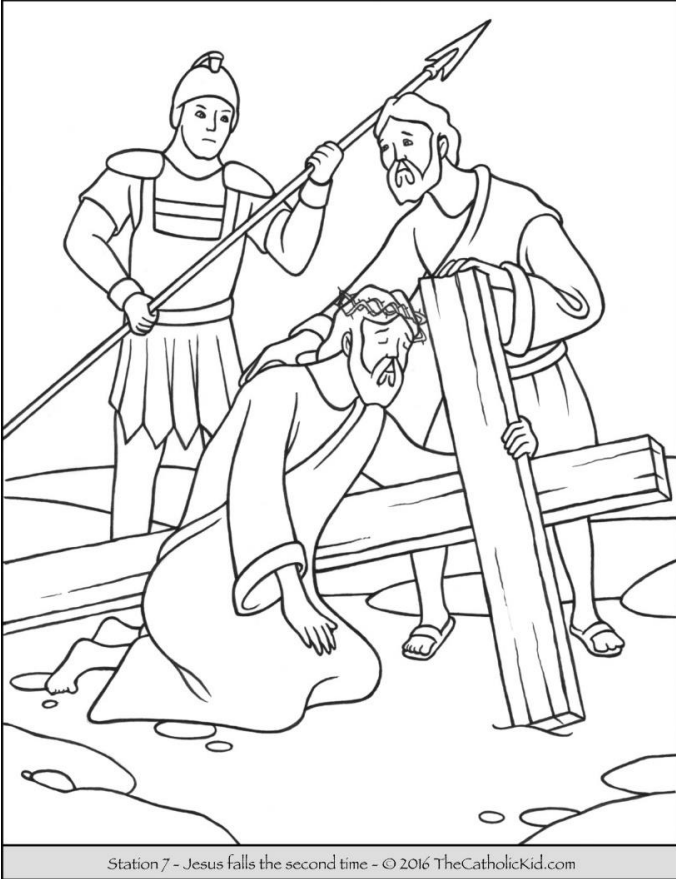
Leader: Veronica loved Jesus very much. When she stepped out to wipe his face, she risked getting in big trouble from the soldiers. Her love and kindness overcame her fear.

All (kneel): **Jesus, I want to love you like Veronica. Help me to be brave and love others who are unpopular.**

Optional: Hail Mary



**THE SEVENTH STATION: Jesus falls a second time.**



Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. (genuflect)

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

Leader: Jesus fell again because he was so weak and tired from all his wounds. He still didn't give up. He got back up and continued on.

All (kneel): **Think of something that makes you feel weak, something that is hard for you to do. Ask Jesus to help you with this.**

All sing: ***Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?***



*Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?*

**THE EIGHTH STATION:** Jesus meets the women of Jerusalem.



Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. (genuflect)

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

Leader: A lot of people were against Jesus, but a lot of people followed him. They were his faithful friends.

All (kneel): **Help me to be a faithful friend. When my friends are going through a hard time or are being made fun of, I want to help them and be a true friend.**

Optional: Hail Mary

**THE NINTH STATION: Jesus falls a third time.**



Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. (genuflect)

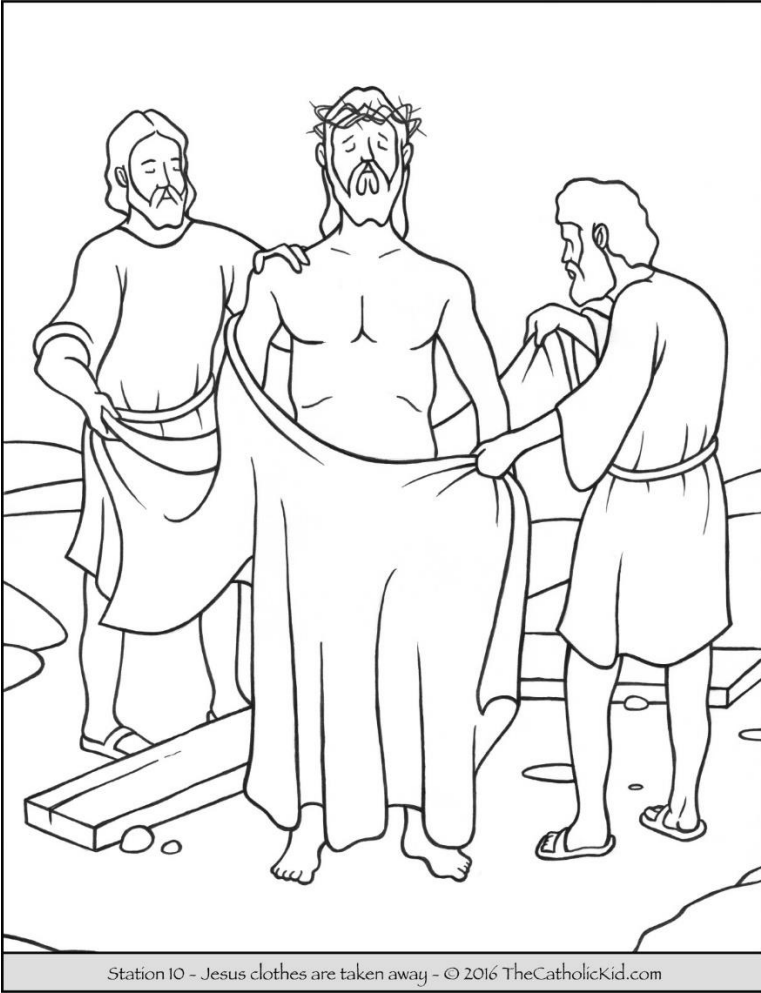
All: **Because by your holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.**

Leader: It's unbelievable that Jesus fell again and the soldiers didn't help him. They only yelled louder for him to get up and continue on. Jesus didn't get mad at them; he forgave them.

All (kneel): **Sometimes people say or do hurtful things to us or don't help us when we need them. Jesus, help me to forgive everyone like you did. Help me not to get angry or hold a grudge against someone who has hurt me.**

Optional: Hail Mary

**THE TENTH STATION: Jesus is stripped of his clothes.**



Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. (genuflect)

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

Leader: To be without clothes in front of everyone is a humiliating thing. Jesus wasn't ashamed because he knew his Father in heaven loved him.

All (kneel): **Jesus, when I am tempted to feel embarrassed or ashamed, help me to remember and trust in your love for me.**

Optional: Hail Mary

**THE ELEVENTH STATION: Jesus is crucified.**



Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. (genuflect)

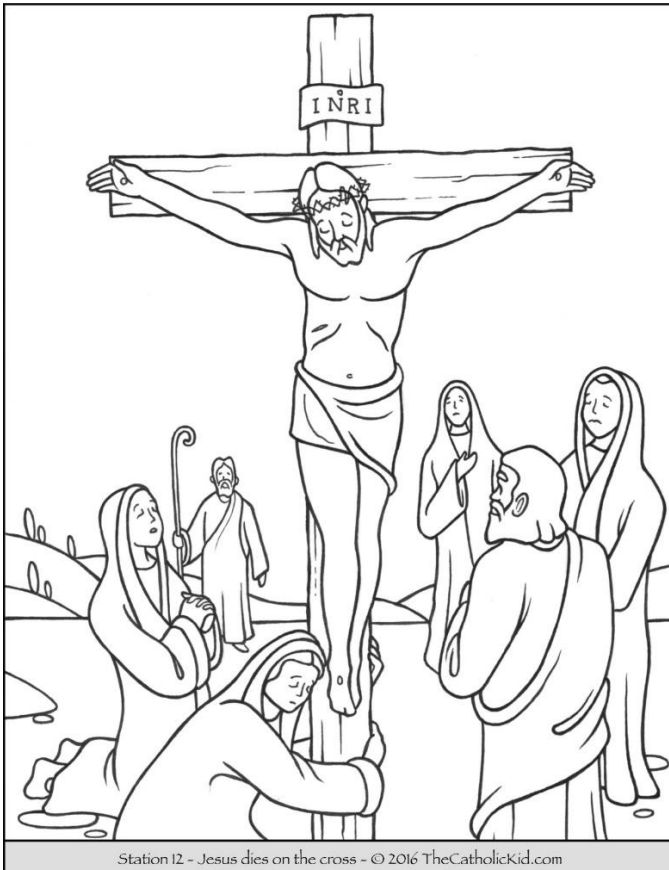
All: **Because by your holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.**

Leader: The soldiers drove nails through Jesus' hands and feet. They lifted up the cross and put it in place. Jesus was in a lot of pain.

All (kneel): **Many people suffer pain every day from being sick, hungry, poor, and because of war or natural disasters. Jesus, please comfort everyone who is in pain today.**

Optional: Hail Mary

**THE TWELFTH STATION: Jesus dies on the cross.**



Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. (genuflect)

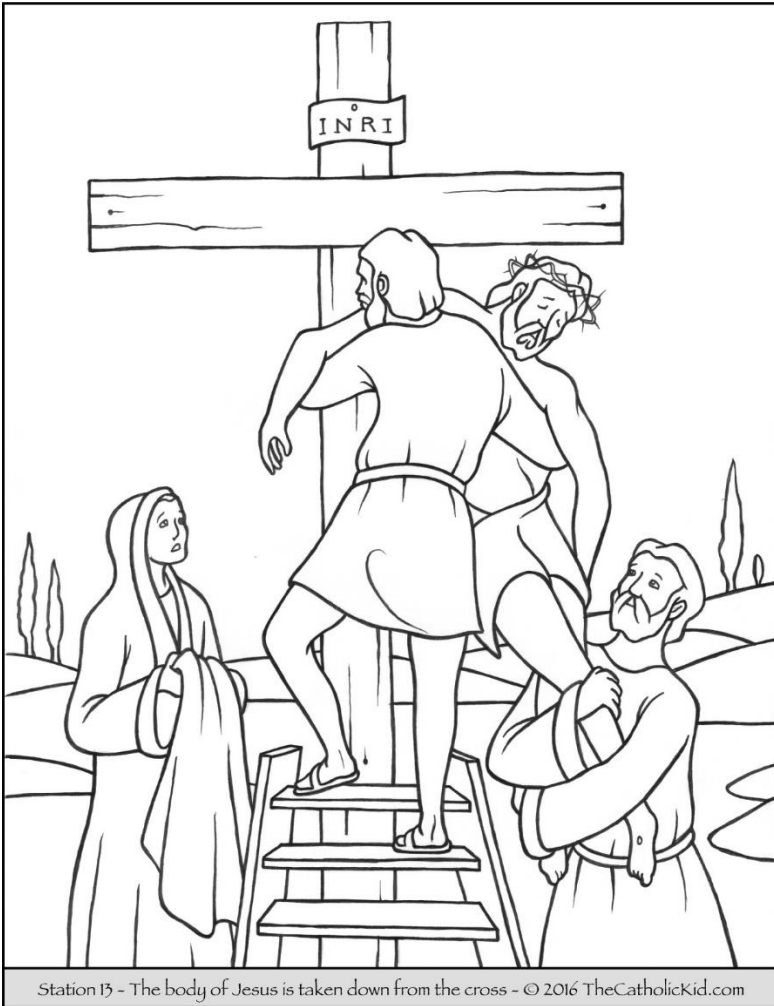
All: **Because by your holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.**

Leader: When Jesus died, the sky got dark and the ground started to shake. This made some people very scared. They saw that Jesus was innocent and that they had made a big mistake.

All (kneel): **Jesus help me to admit when I make mistakes. Help me to say I'm sorry. Thank you for always forgiving me. I love you, and I want to do the right thing.**

All sing: *Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?*

**THIRTEENTH STATION:** Jesus' body is taken down from the cross.



Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. (genuflect)

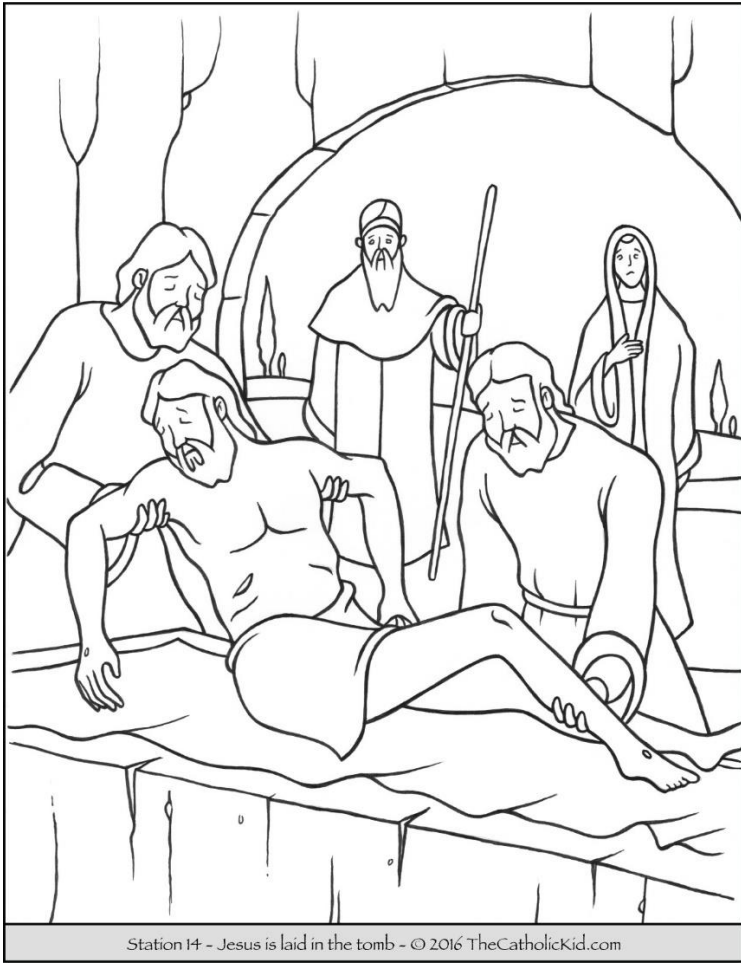
All: **Because by your holy Cross, you have redeemed the world.**

Leader: Joseph of Arimathea gave Jesus his own burial cave because Jesus didn't have a place to be buried. Joseph was another one of Jesus' friends who took a risk to help him.

All (kneel): **Sometimes it is risky to step out and help people who are in need. Jesus, I want to be a risk-taker and help others. Give me love and courage.**

Optional: Hail Mary

**THE FOURTEENTH STATION: Jesus is laid in the tomb.**



Leader: We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you. (genuflect)

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

Leader: Even when things look very difficult and sad, there is always hope that God can bring new life.

All (kneel): **Jesus, I believe that you died and rose from the dead so that I could have new life. Thank You!!**

All sing: *Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?  
Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.  
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?*



## CLOSING PRAYER

All (kneel):

**My good and dear Jesus,  
as I kneel before You,  
and reflect upon your sacrifice of love for me upon the cross,  
I ask You to help me to know your love for me,  
to be sorry for my sins,  
to be faithful in loving you,  
and to always try to be good,  
so that I may be pleasing to You my Lord,  
who gave up your life for me. Amen.**



\*Modifications: The Catholic Kid images were added to each station. The front and back cover pictures were also added. The stations were reformatted and the opening and closing prayers by Fr. Martin Pitstick were added. The prayer for the first, fifth and tenth stations were slightly reworded. The traditional antiphon and response at the beginning of each station was added, as were the verses of "Were you there."