

Stations of the Cross

An abbreviated guide for students and teachers

This booklet will assist students to intentionally walk through the stations of the cross.

Easter is coming soon. At Easter Christians remember how Jesus died and rose again to show everyone that God loves us forever.

Today we will walk the stations of the cross and look at the pictures that retell the story of what Jesus did to show us that God loves us forever.

At the stations notice what you see on the sign.

As you prepare to walk you may like to pray the following prayer:

Jesus Christ, you made the journey to the cross because your love for all is beyond measure. Risen, Jesus, as we retrace your journey, walk with us. May your Holy Spirit teach us to live in your love and love one another. Amen

Make your way to the 'entry stone' when the space is vacant. Pause, reflect and notice what you see at the first station. A brief summary and prayer that you can read at each station is found in the pages of this booklet.

When, you have finished pondering over the first station walk the path slowly to the next station. Notice every step you make. Pause at each station to notice what you can see. (Take note that some stations are closer together and others are further apart. So be careful that you do not miss one! You will finally reach the centre of the labyrinth.

At the centre, you will be at station 14. Take a seat, ponder, have a rest and pray.

When you are ready, exit via the arch to engage with the final station.



Station I:

SORROW

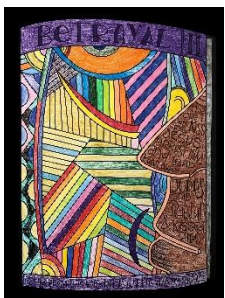
Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane

Key images: Cup, Tears, Eye

Jesus was deeply grieved. He knew what was going to happen. He prayed: My God, if it is possible Let this cup pass from me. See Matthew 26:39

A Prayer:

God, Thank you for those who journey with me at school, help me understand and support all I journey with. Amen



Station II:

BETRAYAL

Jesus, Betrayed by Judas, is Arrested

Key images: Eye, Ear, Nose, Face, Lips, Kiss,

Judas betrayed Jesus. He said to the Soldiers: 'The one I kiss is Jesus. Arrest him and lead him away. See Mark 14:44

A Prayer:

God I am sorry for the ways I have not always acted justly, loved mercy and walked humbly with you as your beloved child. Please forgive me. Amen Prayer:



Station III:

CONDEMNATION

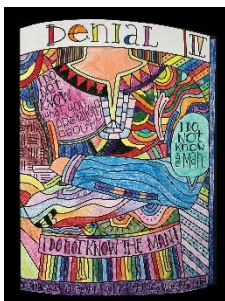
Jesus is Condemned by the Sanhedrin

Key Images: Pointing fingers Fire and light

Jesus was brought before the council and they condemned him. See Luke 22:67

A Prayer:

God. You have made me to be your child forever. I am yours. I belong to you. Thank you. Amen



Station IV:

DENIAL

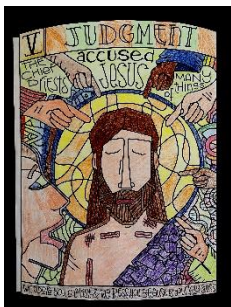
Jesus is Denied by Peter

Key images: Person with arms crossed

Peter was Jesus number 1 disciple. Peter denied that he even knew Jesus. Peter said: I do not know what you are talking about. See: Matthew 26:70

A Thought:

Can you think of something so important to you that you never want to deny?



Station V:

JUDGEMENT

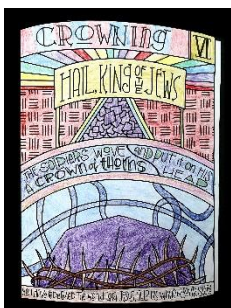
Jesus is Judged by Pilate

Key Images: Fingers pointing at Jesus. Pilate speaking to Jesus

The Chief priests accused Jesus of many things. See: Mark 15:3

A Thought:

What might happen if we asked more questions and listened? Let yourself be curious. Curiosity is a kindness. It can change us, and it can change our world!



Station VI:

CROWNING

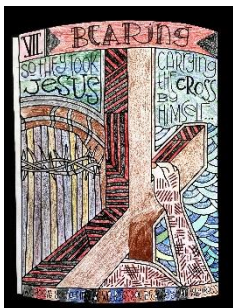
Jesus is Scourged and Crowned with Thorns

Key Images: Crown of thorns, Head, Praise

The soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on Jesus' head and made fun of Him saying: Hail, King of the Jews see: John 19:2,3

A Prayer:

Dear God, You made my body and all that I am and you live in me. Help me to care for my body. Amen



Station VII:

BEARING

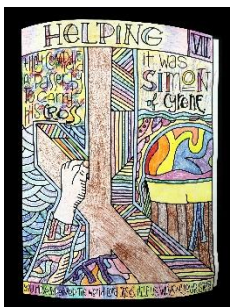
Jesus Bears the Cross

Key images: Jesus/Jesus carrying the cross, cross, crown of thorns.

So they took Jesus and he carried the cross by himself. See: John 19:17

A Thought:

In the life of Jesus, and in his bearing of the cross, our deepest needs are met by God's deep love.



Station VIII:

HELPING

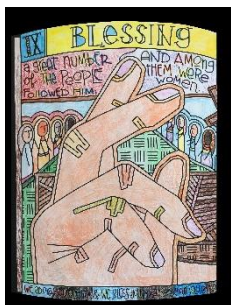
Jesus is Helped by Simon to Carry the Cross

Key Images: Cross, someone else carrying the cross.

The soldiers compelled a passer by to carry Jesus cross – it was Simon of Cyrene – See Mark 15:21

A Prayer:

God, thank you for the people who help me, show me how I can help others too! Amen.



Station IX:

BLESSING

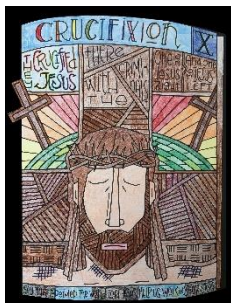
Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem

Key images: Hand raise to bless people. Sad Women.

A great number of people followed Jesus and among them were women. See Luke 23:27

A Prayer:

God, thank you for comforting and blessing those who mourn and are sad. Amen.



Station X:

CRUCIFIXION

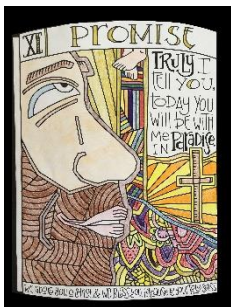
Jesus is Crucified

Key Images: Jesus on cross with eyes shut, hill far way, Two extra crosses.

They crucified Jesus there with the criminals – one on Jesus right and one on Jesus left. See Luke 23:33

A Prayer:

God, forgive me, and to help me forgive myself when I have caused harm on my own or with others. Where others have caused harm, I ask you to forgive them, and to help me do the same. God, in your mercy, hear my prayer. Amen.



Station XI:

PROMISE

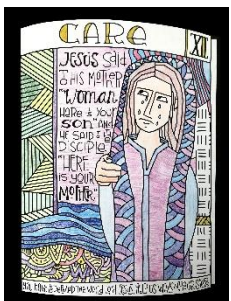
Jesus Promises His Kingdom to the Good Thief

Key Images – Face of a man, Feet, cross, flowers, sunrise, cross.

When Jesus was nailed to the cross he said to the person on the cross next to him: Truly, I tells you, today you will be with me in paradise. See: Luke 23:43

A Prayer:

Thank you, Jesus that you keep your promises. Amen



Station XII:

CARE

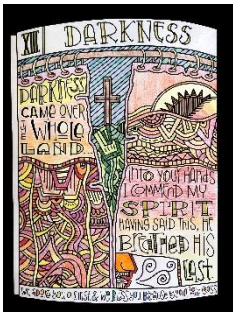
Jesus Speaks to His Mother and the Disciples

Key images: Hug, Sad woman

When Jesus was nailed to the cross Jesus said to his mother and one of his disciples who were near by, 'Woman, here is your son'. And he said to the disciples, "Here is your mother.' See John 19:26-27

A Prayer:

Thank you, Jesus for those who care for me. Help me to care for others too. Amen



Station XIII:

DARKNESS

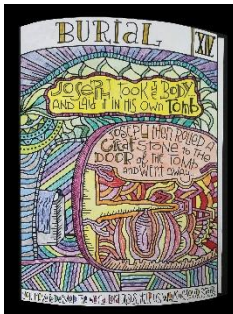
Jesus Dies on the Cross

Key images: Curtain torn in two, Cross, Jesus breathing

Just before Jesus died, darkness came over the whole land and the curtain in the temple tore in two. He said to his Father God: 'Into your hands I commend my spirit.' Having said this he breathed his last breath. See Luke 23:44-46

A Prayer:

Jesus, Thank you, that there is nothing that can separate me from your Love. Amen



Station XIV:

BURIAL

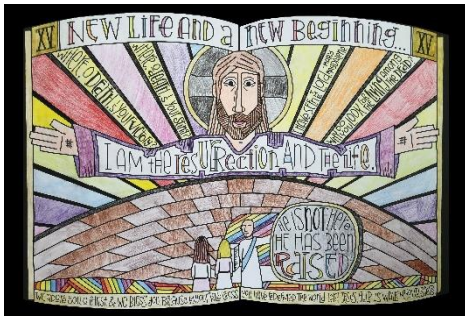
Jesus is Placed in the Tomb

Key images: Stone, Tree, Cocoon, Tomb

Joseph took the body of Jesus and laid it in his tomb. Joseph then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. See Matthew 27:60

A Prayer:

Lord Jesus I will carry in my heart your love and passion for me. I honour you through the days to come. Amen



Station XV: NEW LIFE AND A NEW BEGINNING

Resurrection of Jesus

Key images: Open tomb, Angel,

women, Jesus is alive!

The angel said to the women who had gone to Jesus' tomb:
He is not here. He has been raised! See Corinthians
Jesus has defeated death. See 1 Corinthian 15:55 : Where O
death's your victory? Where O death's your sting?

Mary went and told the other disciples: I have seen the Lord.
See Luke 24:5

Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and the Life. See : John 11:25

Praise God saying: Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!



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