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Station Fifteen: Jesus is Raised From the Dead

We remember how the sadness of Jesus' mother and Jesus' friends turned into joy: Some women went to his tomb on the third day. The tomb was empty, and the stone was rolled away from the door. An angel told them Jesus was alive and risen from the dead. Mary Magdalen was crying in the garden outside. Jesus came and showed her that he was alive! She went back and told everyone, "Jesus is alive; he is risen from the dead!"

Let us be people of hope. God loves us; God is with us. Our God will never leave us alone.

Jesus is Alive!

Prayer: Jesus, we praise you, we thank you, we love you.

All: You gave up your life to save us.

Song Verse: Jesus, we adore you; from our hearts we sing
Of your cross most holy, Lord, Redeemer, King.

CLOSING PRAYER

God our Father, we thank you for the gift of Jesus, Your Son. He died on the cross to show how much you love us, and to lead us to eternal life. He is our true friend, our Saviour and our Lord. Fill our hearts with his tenderness, and help us love one another with his kindness. We make this prayer to you in the name of Jesus, our Lord. Amen

And may Almighty God bless us: Father Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen

Stations of the Cross for Young Followers of Jesus Art and Prayer Booklet

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Reverence, Solidarity, Stewardship

This book belongs to: _____,

I am a friend of Jesus.

INTRODUCTION:

Welcome to our Stations of the Cross prayer service. Today we will walk with Jesus on his way to the cross. We want to remember how much Jesus loved us. He gave up his life so we could be free from sin and live together in his love, now and forever in heaven.

Let us begin our prayer: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Opening Prayer:

God our Father, you sent us Jesus because you love us. Jesus showed us how to live as your children, to love each other as he loved us. We ask you to help us pray as we remember how he gave up his life for us on the cross. We make this prayer to you through Christ our Lord. Amen

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Station One: Jesus is Condemned to Death

We remember how a man named Pontius Pilate said that Jesus had to die. Some people hated Jesus because he always did what his Father in heaven wanted. These people did not want to listen to Jesus' message of love; they wanted Jesus to die.

Let us only say good things about people.

Pilate said "Jesus must die."

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Song Verse: (Tune: *Humbly We Adore Thee*)
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Station Fourteen: Jesus is Buried

Jesus' friends and his mother washed him off and wrapped him in a clean sheet. They put him in the tomb and rolled a stone across the doorway. They had to say goodbye to Jesus. This was very hard, but they trusted God would make things better. God is always with us.

Let us never lose hope, no matter how bad things get. God is close to us, even when we are suffering.

Jesus is Buried by his Friends.

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Station Thirteen: Jesus is Taken Down From the Cross

We remember how Jesus' friends took his body down from the cross. They gave him to his mother and she held him. This was a very sad moment. Jesus' friends stayed close to her.

Let us be like these followers of Jesus; let us stay close to our friends and classmates when they are hurting inside.

Jesus is Taken Down From the Cross

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Station Two: Jesus Takes Up His Cross

We remember how Jesus carried a heavy cross. He knew that he was going to die on that cross. It was very hard for him, but he did it for love of everybody.

Let us try hard to do what is right, even when it is difficult.

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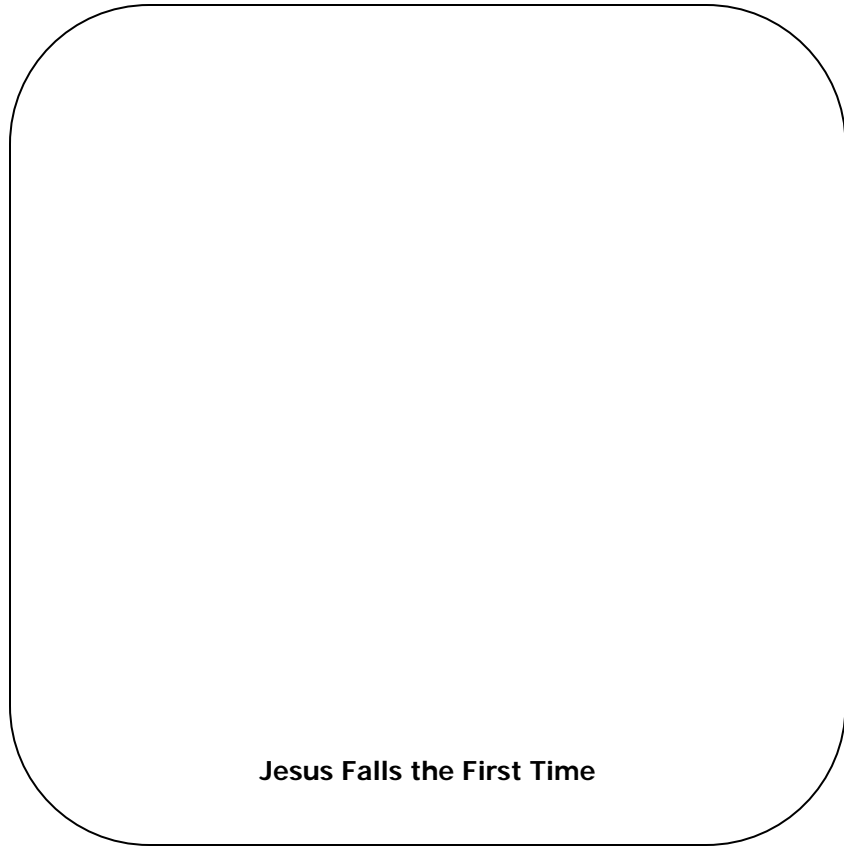
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Station Three: Jesus Falls the First Time

The cross Jesus carried was very heavy. Jesus was hurting from being whipped and crowned with thorns. He was hurting because people hated him. He was very weak and tired, and he fell down. Jesus never gave up though. The love in his heart was stronger than his hurt and pain, and he got back up with his cross.

Let us open our hearts to people who are hurting by showing them our friendship and love.



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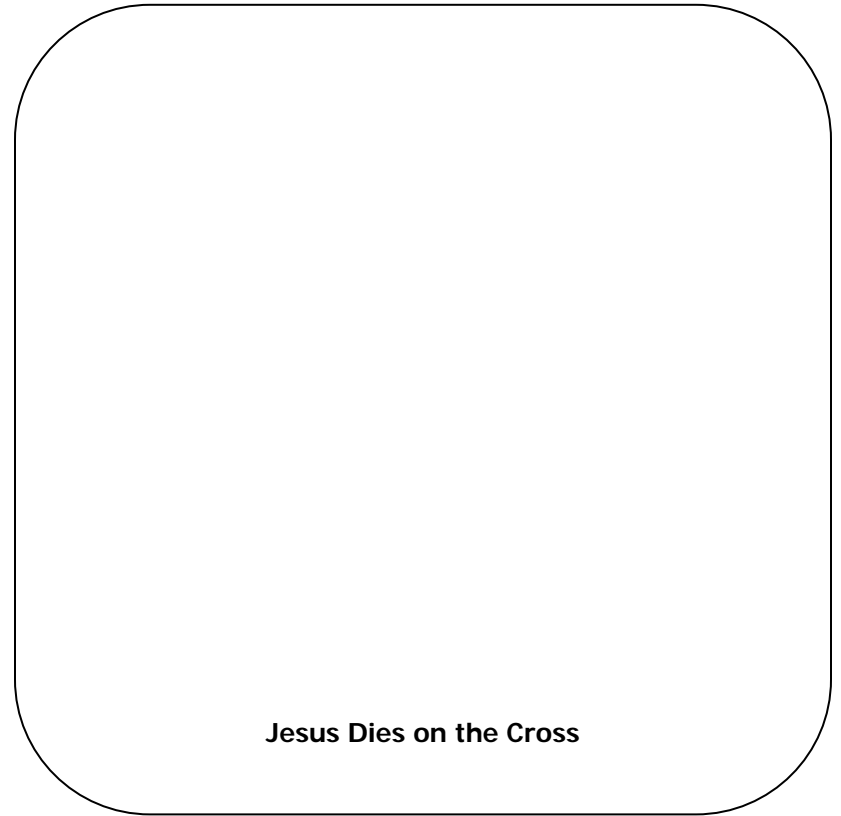
Station Twelve: Jesus Dies on the Cross

Let us all kneel as we remember how Jesus hung for three long hours on the cross, and then died.

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Jesus suffered so much, but he never gave up. He went all the way to the cross. He let himself be raised up to take away our sins. Jesus showed us the greatest love of all by giving his life for us.

Let us remember to be always kind to each other. This is what it means to be a follower of Jesus.



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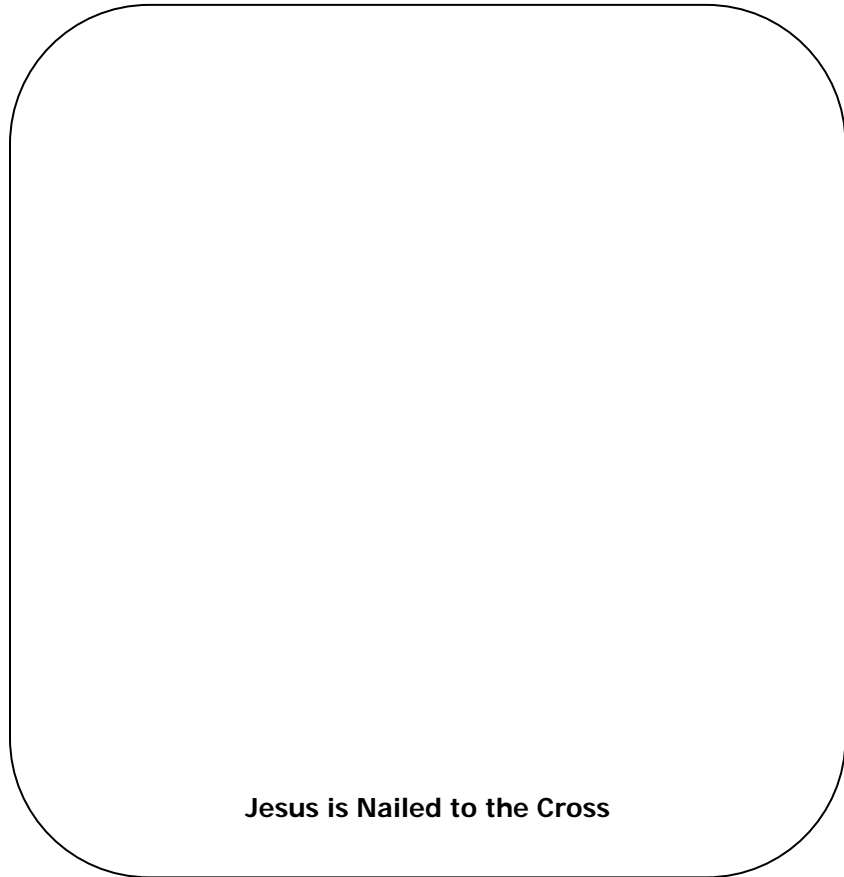
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Station Eleven: Jesus is Nailed to the Cross

We remember how the soldiers put nails into Jesus' hands and feet and hung him on the cross. Everyone could see him. He was suffering terribly. Some people were making fun of him; other people were sad and crying. Some people were scared and ran away. Jesus said: "Father, forgive them; they don't know what they are doing."

Let us stand up for persons when others make fun of them. Let us ask God to help us to forgive one another.



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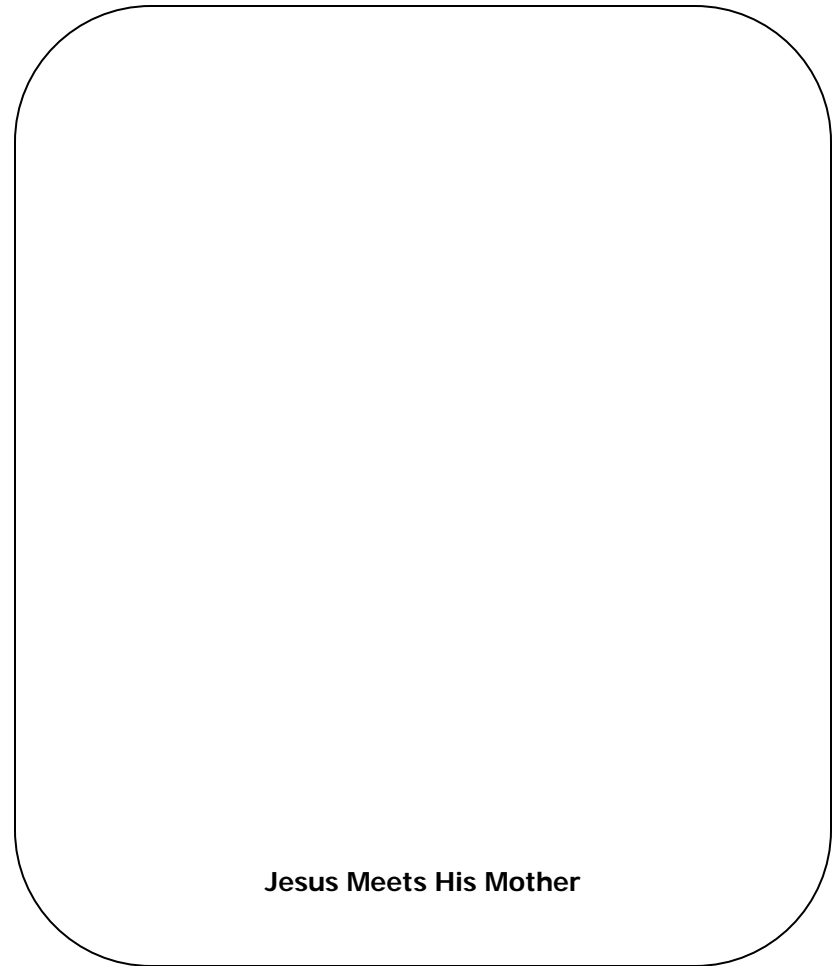
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Station Four: Jesus Meets His Mother

We remember how Mother Mary came to Jesus while he was carrying the cross. Mary's love helped Jesus keep going.

Let us find ways help each other and show that we care.



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Station Five: Simon Helps Jesus Carry His Cross

We remember how Jesus needed someone to help him carry his cross. The Roman soldiers told Simon to help Jesus carry his cross.

Let us remember that when we help someone, we are like Simon, who helped Jesus.

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Station Ten: Jesus is Stripped of His Clothes

We remember how the Roman soldiers took away Jesus' clothes. He was dirty and bleeding; everyone could see him. He was treated like a nobody. The soldiers did not show him love or respect.

Let us stay with our friends and classmates when they feel alone or embarrassed. When we love and respect them, we love and respect Jesus.

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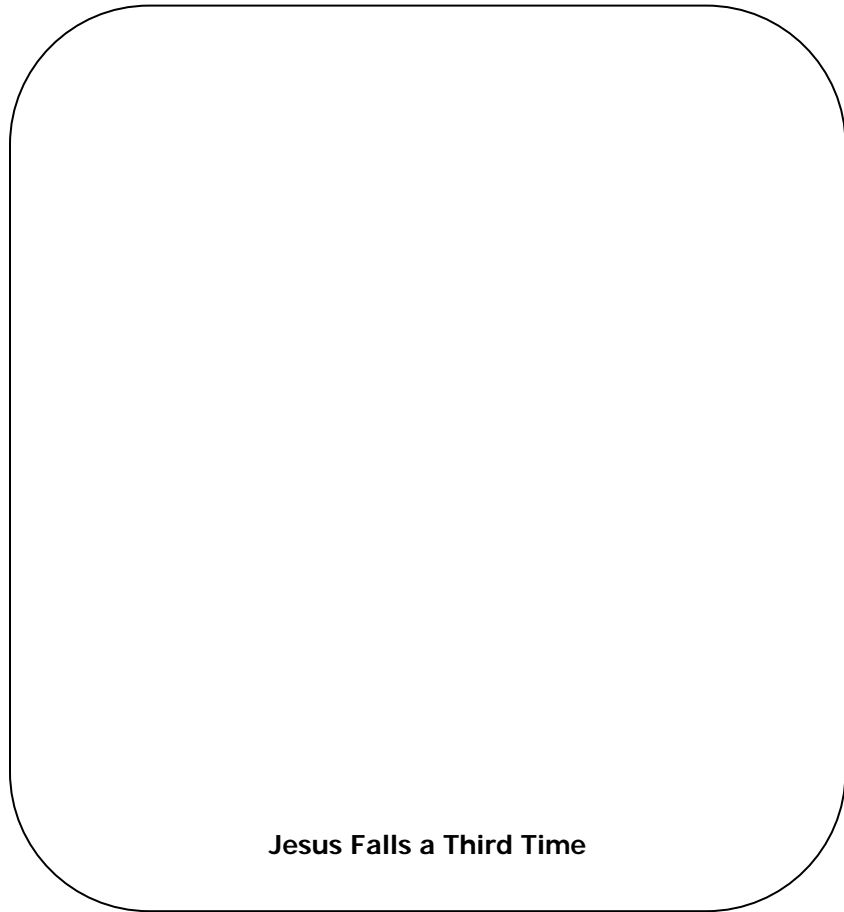
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Station Nine: Jesus Falls a Third Time

We remember how Jesus fell again. He was so weak and tired, he could hardly stand. Jesus understands how hard our life can be sometimes. He is always there to help us.

Let us be understanding with each other. We can be the helping hand of Jesus to others when they are sad or hurting.



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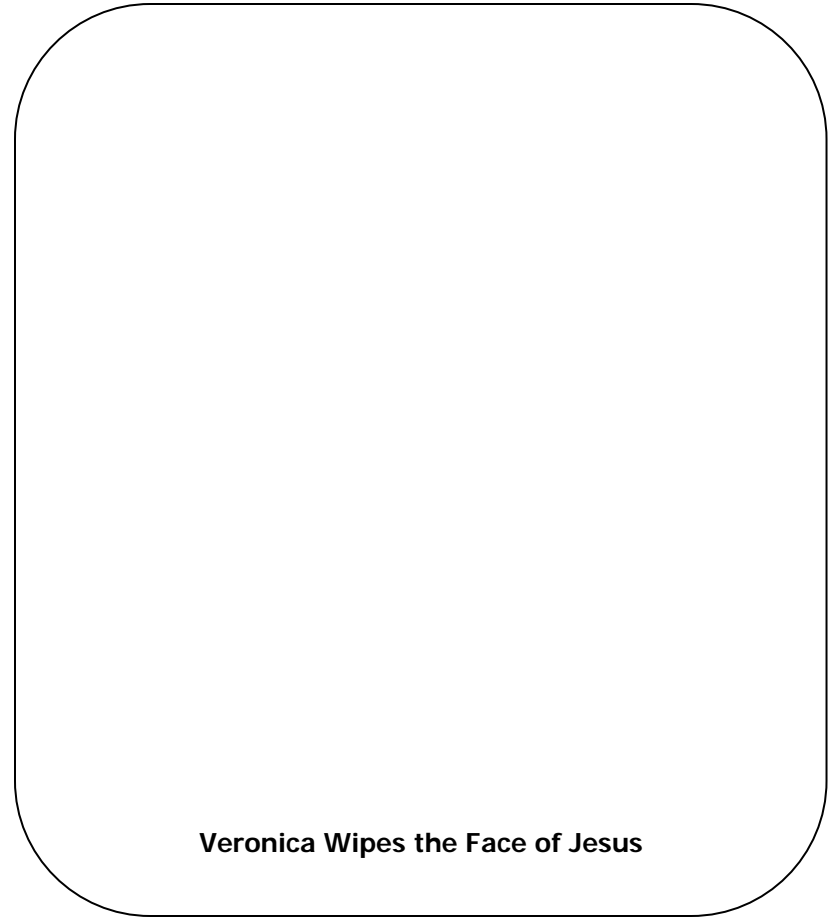
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Station Six: Veronica Wipes the Face of Jesus

We remember how Jesus' face was dirty and covered in blood. Veronica wiped away the dirt and blood and showed everyone how beautiful Jesus still was.

Let us see the face of Jesus in everyone, and always treat each other with kindness.



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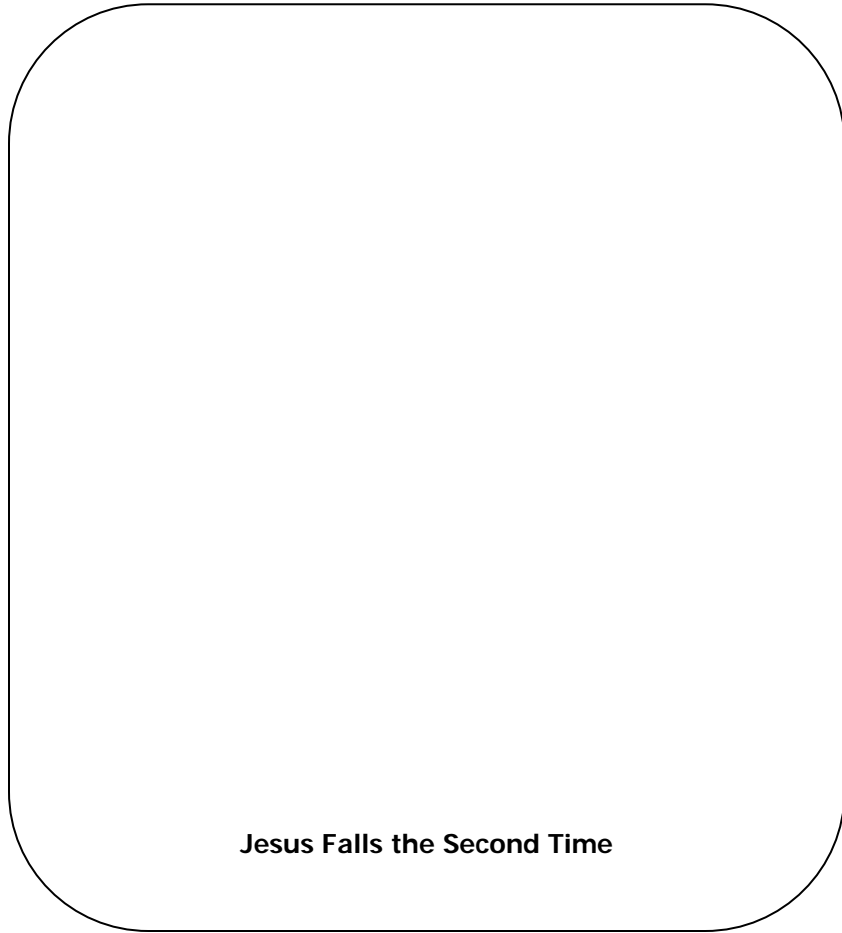
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Station Seven: Jesus Falls the Second Time

We remember how Jesus fell again under the weight of his cross. When it is hard to do what is right, we remember that Jesus never gave up.

Let us be good friends to one another, especially when someone around us is having a hard time.



Jesus Falls the Second Time

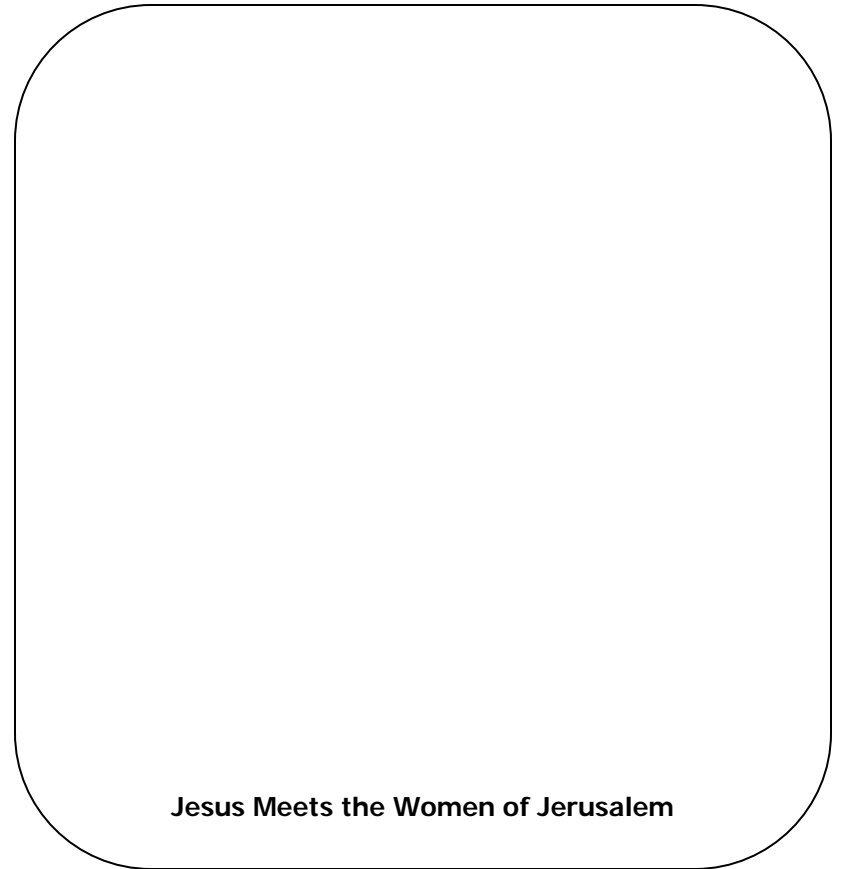
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Station Eight: Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem

We remember how Jesus met some women who were crying. They saw Jesus suffering and they were very sad. Jesus told them not to cry for him. He told them to be sorry for the wrong things their people were doing.

Let us ask God for a changed heart, so that we can always love God and each other.



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