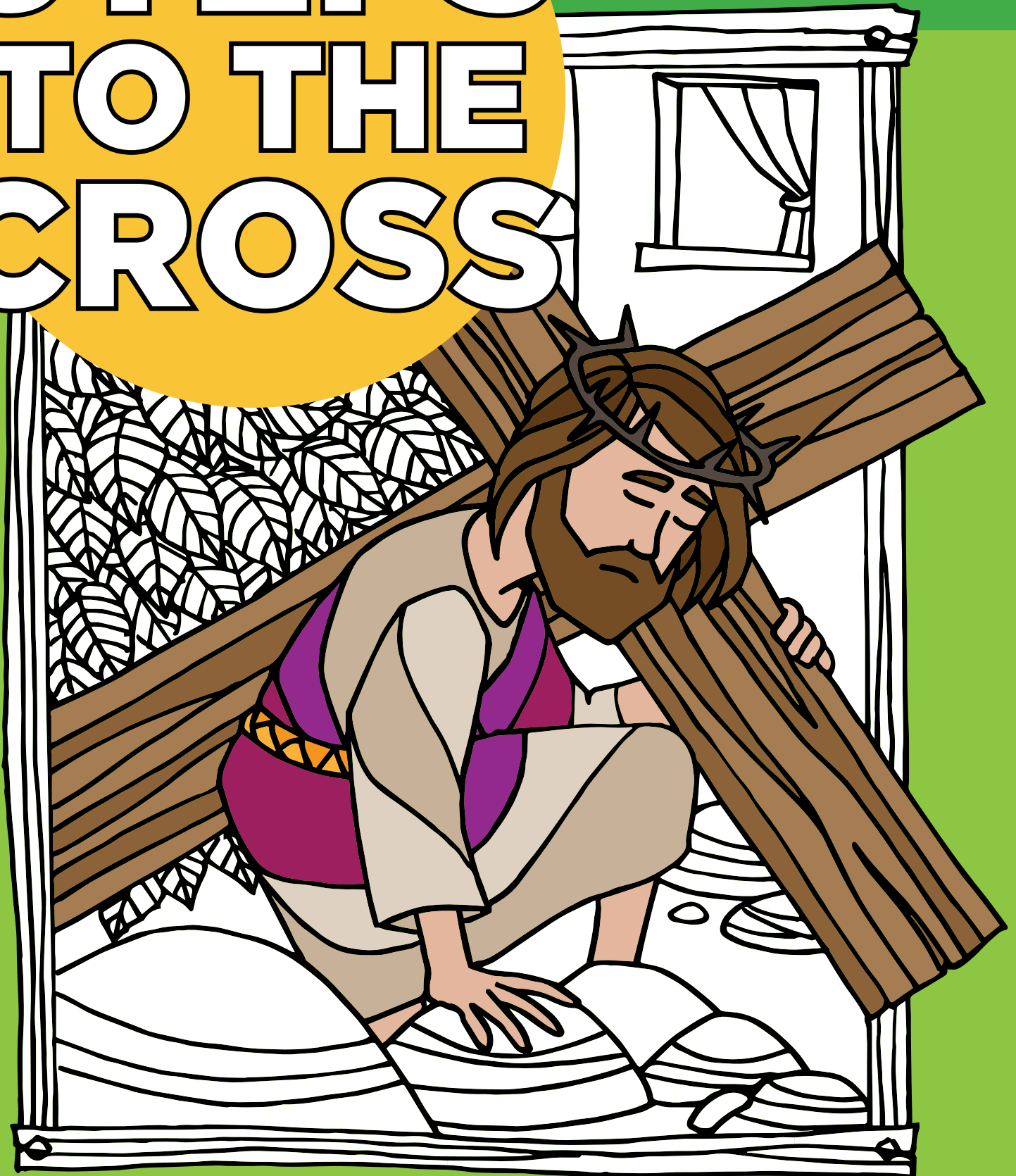


# STEPS TO THE CROSS

A STATIONS OF  
THE CROSS  
COLORING BOOK



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We want to remember the sacrifice of Jesus because, through the mystery of God's grace, Jesus' death and resurrection brought about our redemption from sin and death. So for many centuries, Christian pilgrims walked along the way Jesus took to the cross and prayed in gratitude to the Lord.

Since not everyone can go all the way to Jerusalem, the Catholic tradition of the Stations of the Cross was born. The Stations, images shown on the walls or windows of Catholic churches everywhere, give us a way to remember Jesus' suffering and pray along with him on the road to Calvary.

**This booklet of the Stations of the Cross includes a beautiful picture to accompany each reflection.**

- 1. Read and reflect on each Station, then turn the page over to reveal an image.**
- 2. Color each scene as you learn about the Stations and pray with Jesus.**
- 3. Cut along the dotted line and display the Stations of the Cross pictures in your own home or classroom as you draw closer to Jesus, our Lord and Savior who faithfully stepped to the cross in our place.**



# STATION ONE

## Jesus is Condemned to Death

*We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,  
because by your holy cross  
you have redeemed the world.*

Why was the crowd so angry as they shouted out that Jesus must die? He had done nothing wrong, and he didn't deserve to die. Pilate, the one person who could have set Jesus free, did not stand up to the crowd and let him go home. He knew Jesus was innocent, but he condemned him anyway. It was so unfair!

It's not fair! Jesus, sometimes I feel that way myself when I am accused of something I didn't do. And sometimes I don't stand up to defend someone I know has done nothing wrong. Sometimes I go along with the crowd when I know I shouldn't.

*Dear Jesus...please make me brave so I can do what is right even when it's hard to do...and don't let me be afraid to stand up for somebody when others are telling lies about that person.*

*Turn this page over to see and color the picture.*





# 1. Jesus is Condemned to Death



# STATION TWO

## Jesus Takes His Cross

*We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,  
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Jesus had already been badly beaten when he had to pick up a heavy wooden cross. Imagine the weight of the cross that Jesus carried for our sake. The cross he was carrying was loaded with all the sins of the world. Imagine the weight of those sins: the bad things we have done and the good things we have left undone.

It's too hard! Jesus, sometimes I complain about all the things I have to do: homework, chores around the house, cleaning my room. Sometimes when I'd rather play, I skip what I'm supposed to do—or I get crabby and complain loudly.!

*Dear Jesus...when something's hard for me to do, help me remember how You took the cross without fussing about it...and help me to be good and kind to others even when it isn't easy.*

*Turn this page over to see and color the picture.*





2. Jesus Takes His Cross



# STATION THREE

## Jesus Falls the First Time

*We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you,  
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Imagine how much it hurt to fall down on the hard pavement under the weight of the cross. With sweat in his eyes and carrying a heavy load, Jesus stumbled. It was very painful, but he pulled himself up to his feet and kept going.

It hurts! Jesus, no one likes pain, but I really hate being sick or having a headache. I hate getting shots at the doctor or going to the dentist. But I know these things are small compared to your suffering and what other people go through.!

*Dear Jesus...if something hurts me today, remind me to offer my hurt to God...and don't let me be mean to anybody who gets hurt or to anybody who makes mistakes or is different from me.*

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### 3. Jesus Falls the First Time





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