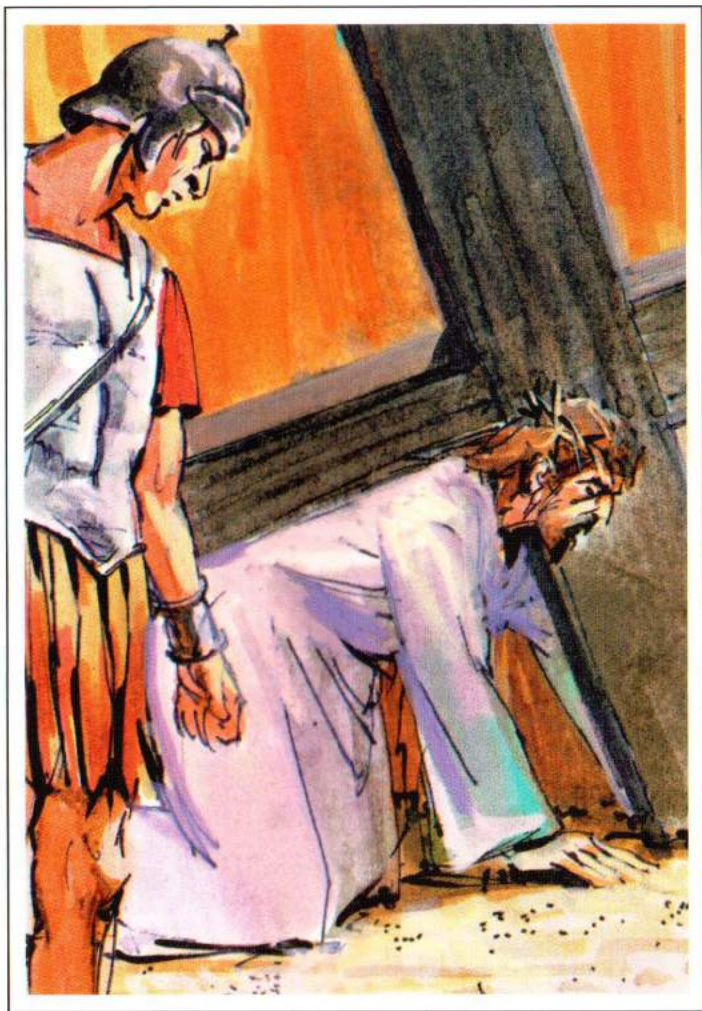


# Children's Way of the Cross

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## † Third Station



**Leader:**

Third Station: Jesus Falls the First Time

**Reader 1:**

Pray for the victims of violence.

**Leader:** We adore you, Christ; we praise you.

**All:** By your cross, you saved the world.

*IMAGINE*

**Reader 2:**

The crowded streets smell like dust and garbage. Jesus stumbles along with his heavy cross. Then he falls into the dirty street and the cross comes crashing down on him. He looks at you to help him up.

*LISTEN*

**Reader 1:**

If you are punished for doing wrong, there is no reason to praise you for bearing punishment. But if you suffer for doing good, and you are patient, then that pleases God. (*1 Peter 2:20*)

*RESPOND*

**All:**

Lord, answer me quickly.

I am getting weak.

(*Psalms 143:7*)