



# WAY OF THE CROSS

**MARCH 2024**  
KIDS ASSEMBLY TOPIC

## 2024 Kids Assembly Topic for March

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### OBJECTIVES

At the end of the Kids Assembly, MFC Kids will be able to:

1. Know the story of Jesus' Passion, His suffering, death and resurrection
2. Value the life that we have because it cost the life of Jesus
3. Have a deeper appreciation for the rich catholic tradition of the Stations of the Cross

### MOTIVATION

#### **Activity: Placing the Stations**

#### **Materials:**

- Printed Copy of the Stations Post. Go to this link to download the Stations Post: <https://bit.ly/MarchKAT2024Materials>)
- Tape (Masking or Double Sided)

#### **Important Instructions for the Service Team:**

1. Before the assembly, walk around within the vicinity of the venue and put number markings where the stations will be. Make the numbers far apart so it can be fun and challenging at the same time for the kids.
2. When the assembly starts, make 14 groups of kids. The group sizes can be different based on how many kids are present in the assembly.
3. Give each group a paper with a Way of the Cross station image on it. Each group gets only one station.
4. After giving out the pictures of the stations, tell the kids to find the same number markings in the venue. Once found, they should stick or tape the station image below that number.
5. When a group finishes, ask them to go back to the assembly area, sit, and wait. When all groups are done, gather everyone and explain why they did the activity. Also, let them know what's planned for the rest of the day.

## EXPANDED OUTLINE



### I. HEAD

Who loves stories? We all do! Today, we're going to explore fourteen events in Jesus' life - from His passion, up to His death and resurrection. But, we're going to do this in a prayerful manner. You won't just sit and listen – we're doing something special called Stations of the Cross (some call it Way of the Cross). This activity will help us remember how much Jesus loved us by going through challenging times for us. Today, we're taking a walk with Jesus!



### II. HEART

As we pray the stations of the cross, may we bring these important truths about the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus:

1. **Jesus experienced pain/hurt like us.** You can always tell Jesus your pain, hurts or even the things that make you sad. He is not ignorant of our pain, He can understand you fully. We can always count on Him and make Him our best friend!
2. **Jesus loves us so much.** He carried the cross until the end because He loves us a lot and wants to keep His promise of heaven. Because of His great sacrifice, we all become God's children. He loves us so much that He wants us to be part of Jesus' family. God, who is Jesus' father, becomes our Father too. And Jesus is like our big brother!
3. **Jesus' death and resurrection brings forgiveness of sins.** Everyone has done things that are not right—like cheating, lying, or being unkind to others. Doing these things, called sin, not only hurts us and others but also makes us distant from God. God didn't want us to be far away from Him, so He sent His Son, Jesus. The cross that Jesus carried is like a ladder to heaven. Jesus won over sin and death! How? He came back to life after three days because He is a powerful God. Just like Jesus, we can also overcome sins because we have Jesus to save us. He's our Savior, our real superhero! And when we overcome sin, our reward is to be with Jesus in heaven someday.

When we pray about the stations of the cross later, let's remember these important things. The way of the cross is how Jesus shows us that He is our friend, our brother, and our true superhero!



### III. HANDS

**(This is for all K-STEPS groups)**

**Activity: Stations of the Cross**

**Materials:**

- Big Cross
- Printed Copy of the Stations Post (Go to this link to download the Stations Post: <https://bit.ly/MarchKAT2024Materials>)

**Instructions:**

1. Make sure that all materials are ready.
2. Provide printed copies to all kids so everybody can read and actively participate.
3. Tell the kids that everyone will join in, and we're doing this activity as a prayer.
4. Show them how to genuflect (bend the knee).
5. For Senior Kids, make sure that they will participate in reading.
6. Background music/vespers is not necessary but allowed. You can use the instrumental version of "Tell the World of His Love" as the only background music until the activity finished.
7. All the downloadable materials — Stations Posts, Stations Prayer and MP3 Music File, can be found in this Google Drive Link: <https://bit.ly/MarchKAT2024Materials>)

**How to Pray the Stations of the Cross:**

1. Assign someone to be the leader, like a Heart Champ or Coordinator. You can have different leaders for each station.
2. Everyone will bend their knee (Genuflect) when we say, 'We Adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.'

3. Either everyone or the leader can read the Gospel/Readings.
4. After reading, wait for 10 seconds, then say the closing prayer together (ALL).
5. Proceed to the next station after the first one. Carry the big cross to each station (all stations) as well.
6. Before moving to the next station, assign a different kid to carry the big cross.
7. Repeat this process until we reach the closing prayer at the last station.



*(Photo from right to left: Carrying of Big Cross and How to do the Genuflect)*

#### **IV. TAKE AWAY**

We walked with Jesus from His suffering, His death, and until His resurrection. Let's always remember His great love for us - a love that never fails! When we go back home, let's ask our family to join in and do this together. We can make it a tradition every Lent.

## **RECITATION OF MFC KIDS PROMISE**

### **1. I will imitate Jesus.**

- I will pray to God and read the Bible every day.
- I will make Jesus as my role model by obeying rules and doing good in school.

### **2. I will be a good family member.**

- I will be a good son/daughter to my parents by obeying and respecting them.
- I will be a good sister/brother to my siblings through sharing and supporting them.

### **3. I will be an active member of MFC Kids**

- I will always attend and participate in all MFC Kids activities.
- I will share my time, talents, and treasures to others especially to my brothers and sisters in MFC Kids
- I will love, respect and be loyal to my MFC Kids family.

### **4. I will tell others about Jesus.**

- I will love my brothers and sisters, relatives, and friends by doing good deeds every day that will reflect God's love.
- I will serve in our Parish Church.
- I will love the poor by sharing what I have with them

**Dear Parents/Guardians,**

Thank you for letting your child/ren participate in our Kids Assembly this month. We honor your patience and love for your kid/s that you allowed them to hear God's messages for them. This month, we had them pray the Stations of the Cross to teach them about Jesus' story of suffering, death, and coming back to life.

We told them why praying the Stations of the Cross is important and helped them see how special their lives are because Jesus made a big sacrifice for us. Since you, the parents, are the primary educators & evangelizers of your children, we invite and encourage you to do the following activities that would make you and your child/ren become more like Jesus in this Lenten Season.

1. **Pray the Rosary** - Pray together the sad parts of the rosary every day or every week, whatever works best for you. If it's hard with little kids, just try doing one part. This will help your family think more about Jesus' hard times, passing, and coming back to life.
2. **Family Lenten Sacrifice** - Can your family give up something to help another family? Instead of going out for a meal, think about giving that money to a food pantry. It's a simple way to show them what it means to give to others.
3. **Holy Week Participation** – Check and find out your parish' activities this coming Holy Week. This will help you and your family understand and appreciate the rich traditions of the Catholic Church during Holy Week even more.

After doing the activities, we encourage you to post these on your social media accounts so that you can inspire other parents and families to journey with their kids. Use these hashtags - #MFCKids #ParentChildActivity #MomentsThatMatter

Thank you very much and we hope to be with your kid/s next month!

**MFC Kids Team**