

Lesson 5: The Stations of the Cross

Lesson Objectives

SWBAT list the fourteen Stations of the Cross.
SWBAT describe the origin of the Stations of the Cross.

SWF grateful that Christ suffered and died for them.

Time	Activities
2 min	<p>Prayer: Prayer Before a Crucifix Place a crucifix in front of the room or direct students' attention to one already on display. Open with the "Prayer Before a Crucifix," followed by an Our Father, Hail Mary, and a Glory Be.</p> <p><i>Look down upon me, good and gentle Jesus, while before Thy face I humbly kneel and, with burning soul, pray and beseech Thee to fix deep in my heart lively sentiments of faith, hope and charity; true contrition for my sins, and a firm purpose of amendment. While I contemplate, with great love and tender pity, Thy five most precious wounds, pondering over them within me and calling to mind the words which David, Thy prophet, said of Thee, my Jesus: They have pierced My hands and My feet, they have numbered all My bones."</i></p>
5 min	<p>Hook: Continue to direct students' attention on the crucifix. Have them imagine that they had never heard of Jesus or Christianity before. If they saw a crucifix or an image of the suffering Christ, what would they think about our religion and why?</p>
5 min	<p>Presentation: The 14 Stations of the Cross Video & Graphic Organizer www.thereligionteacher.com/stationsvideo Students will trace the path Jesus carried the cross in Jerusalem and the stations we use to mark the main fourteen events of that walk.</p>
10 min	<p>Practice: Stations of the Cross Word Search Students will recall the names of each of the fourteen Stations of the Cross using clues from a word search.</p>
10 min	<p>Prayer: We Adore You, O Christ, and We Praise You Worksheet Students will compose prayers inspired by the Stations of the Cross and the two modes of prayer: adoration and praise.</p>
30 min	<p>Prayer: The Way of the Cross Journal Students will imagine they are speaking with Jesus. They will think about what Jesus might say about each Station of the Cross then respond to him in prayers of praise, thanksgiving, petition, or with questions.</p>
5 min	<p>Proof: Lenten Lesson 5 Quiz (Answers: 1. Condemned, 2. Cross, 3. First, 4. Mother, 5. Simon, 6. Veronica, 7. Second, 8. Jerusalem, 9. Third, 10. Garments, 11. Crucified, 12. Dies, 13. Body, 14. Tomb, 15. B)</p>
Key Ideas	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We participate in the Stations of the Cross as a form of pilgrimage. • We can walk along the Way of Cross united with Christ in prayer. 	