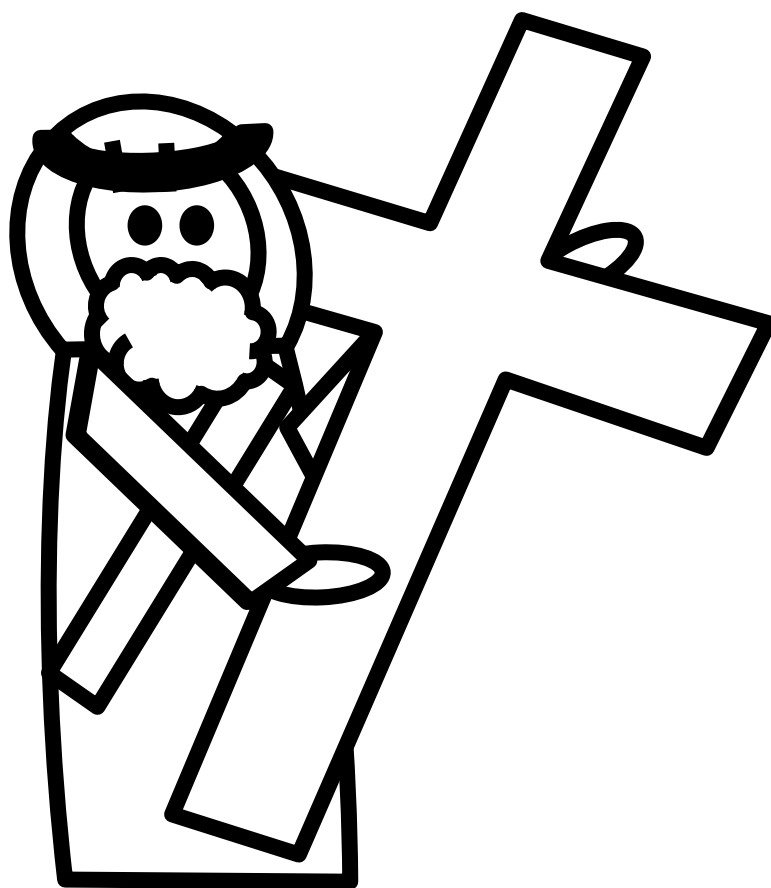


Stations of the Cross

For Kids



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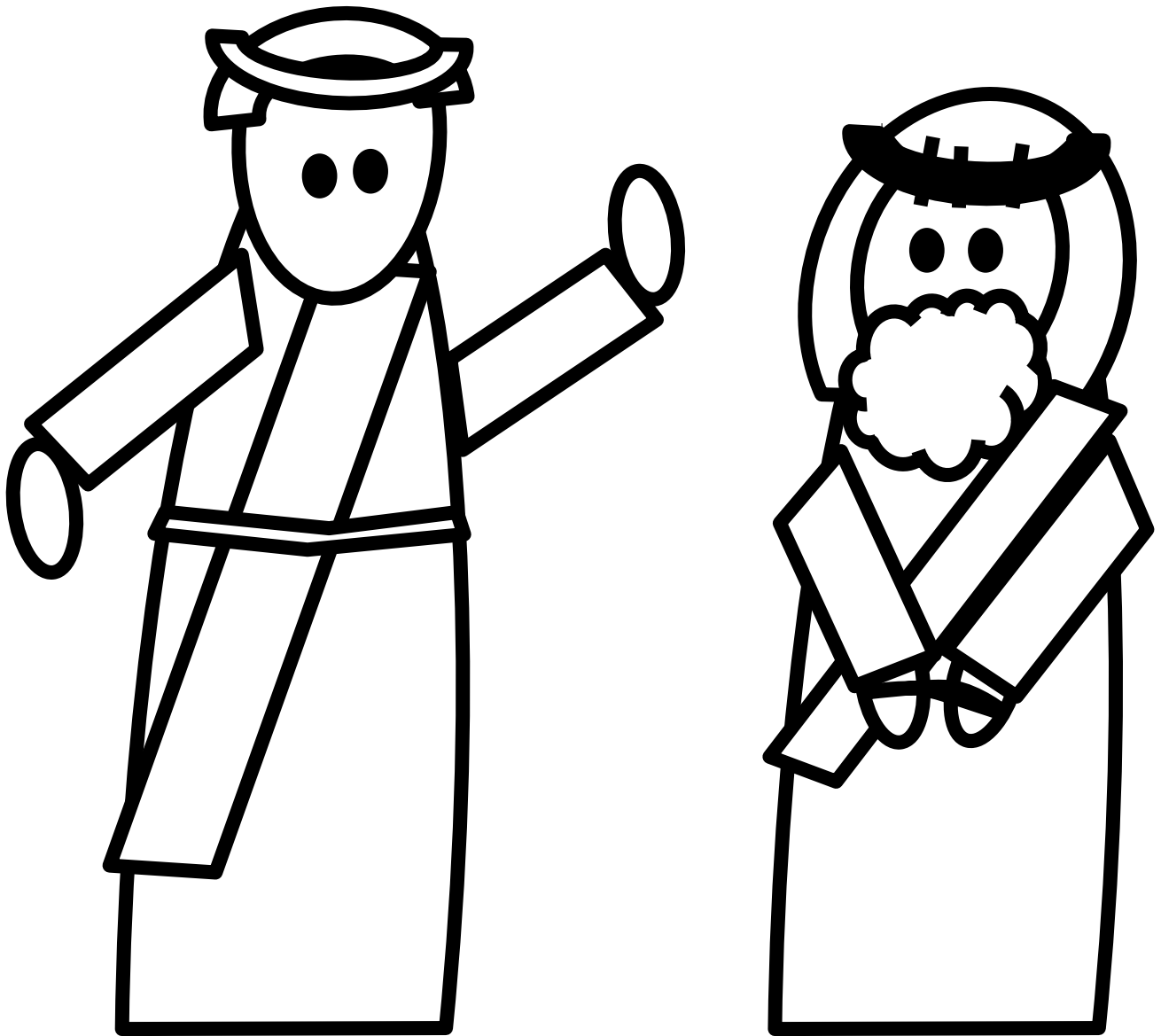
The First Station : Jesus is Condemned to Death

We adore you oh Christ and we bless you,

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world

Jesus was accused of many crimes he didn't commit. He didn't defend himself. He knew he needed to die for our sins so He accepted his fate.

Prayer: Jesus, I often get defensive when I know I did something wrong. Help me be honest and do what is right even when it is hard.



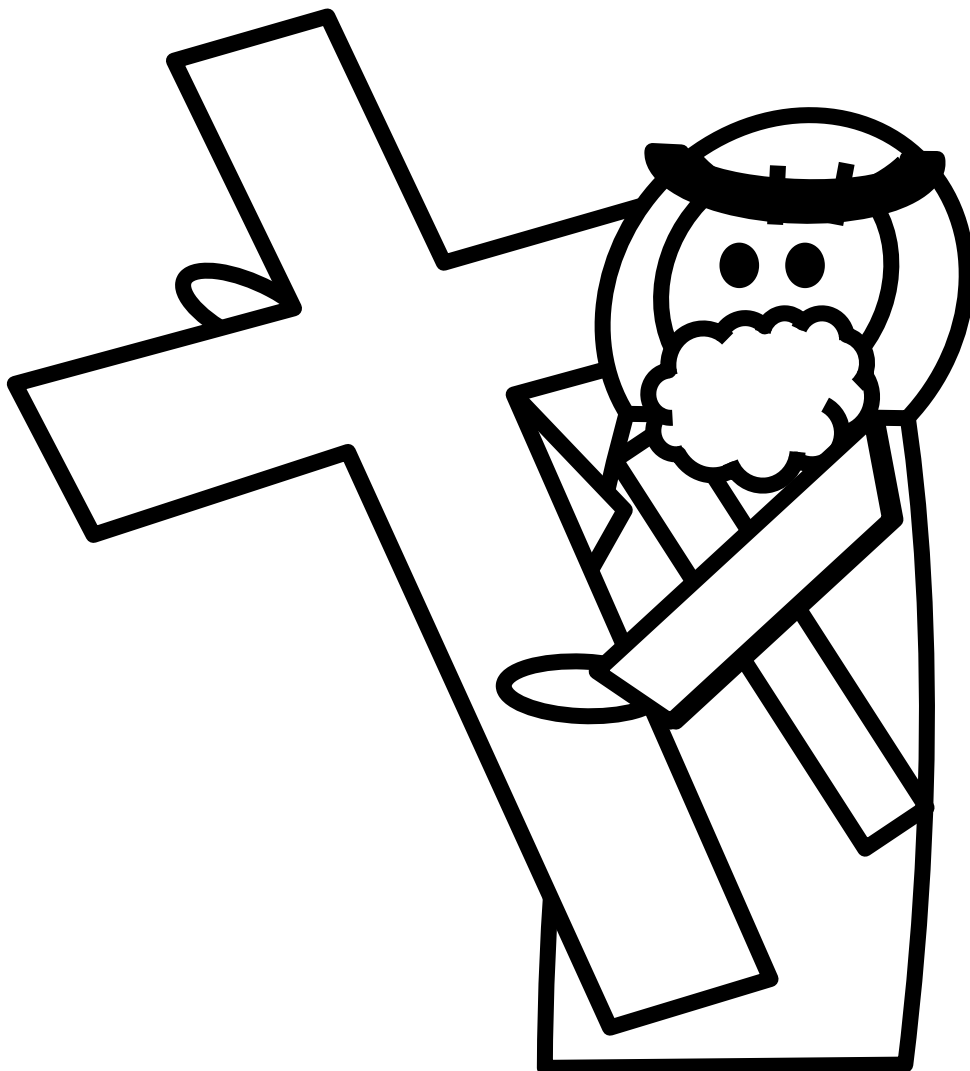
The Second Station : Jesus accepts his Cross

We adore you oh Christ and we bless you,

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world

The cross was big and heavy. It was difficult for Jesus to carry it up the hill but Jesus carried the heavy cross without complaining.

Prayer: Sometimes schoolwork or chores at home are hard for me and I complain. Jesus, please help me not to complain when I do these tasks. Help me carry on, even when I find something difficult.



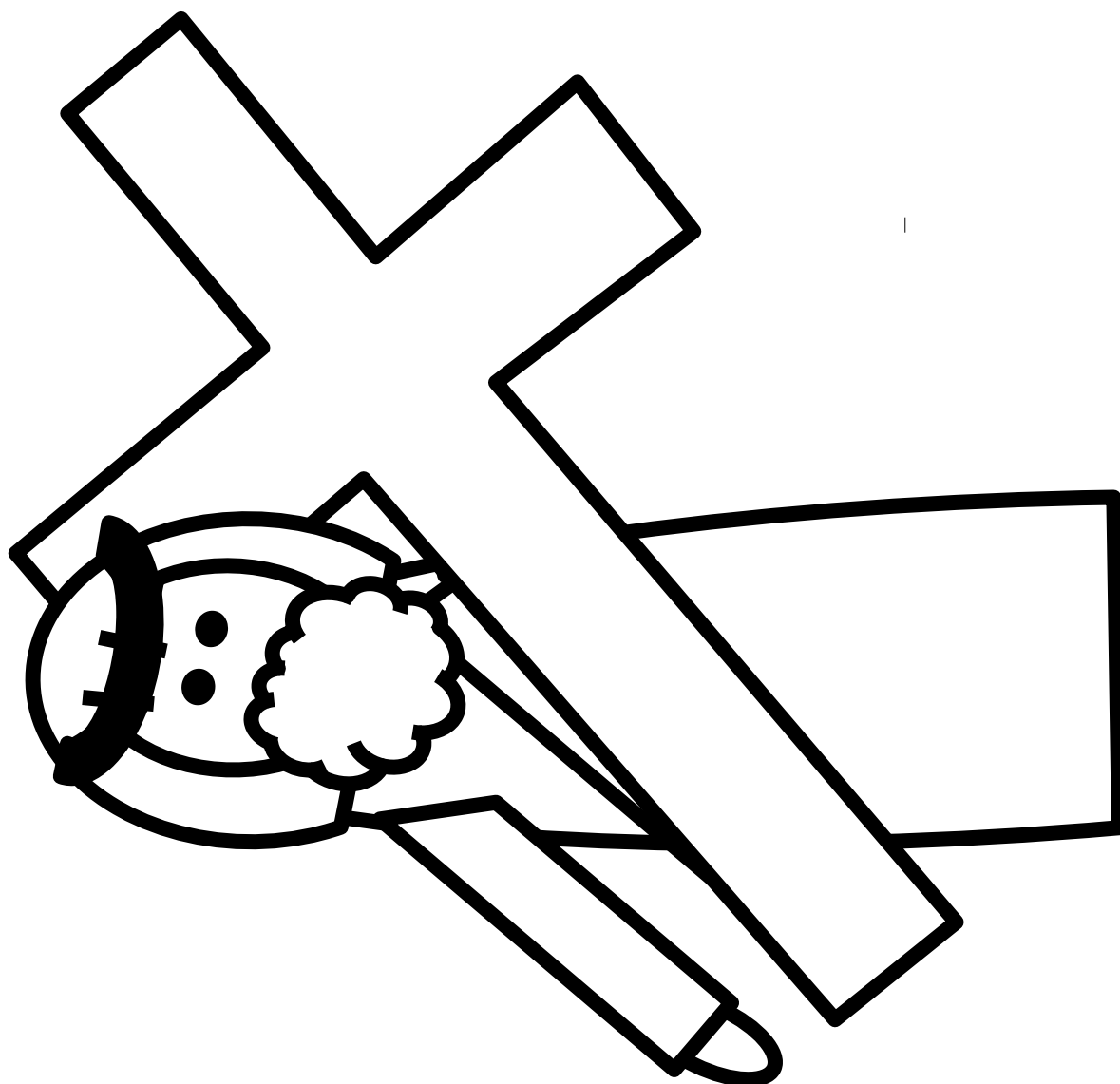
The Third Station : Jesus falls the first time

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Jesus was already badly wounded when he fell the first time. It must have hurt when he fell. But Jesus knew what he had to do. He got up and kept on going.

Prayer: When we don't do well in school or when we lose a sports game, it can make us feel upset. We may feel like giving up. Jesus was hurt but never gave up. Jesus, I want your attitude of hope and victory even if I am not succeeding.



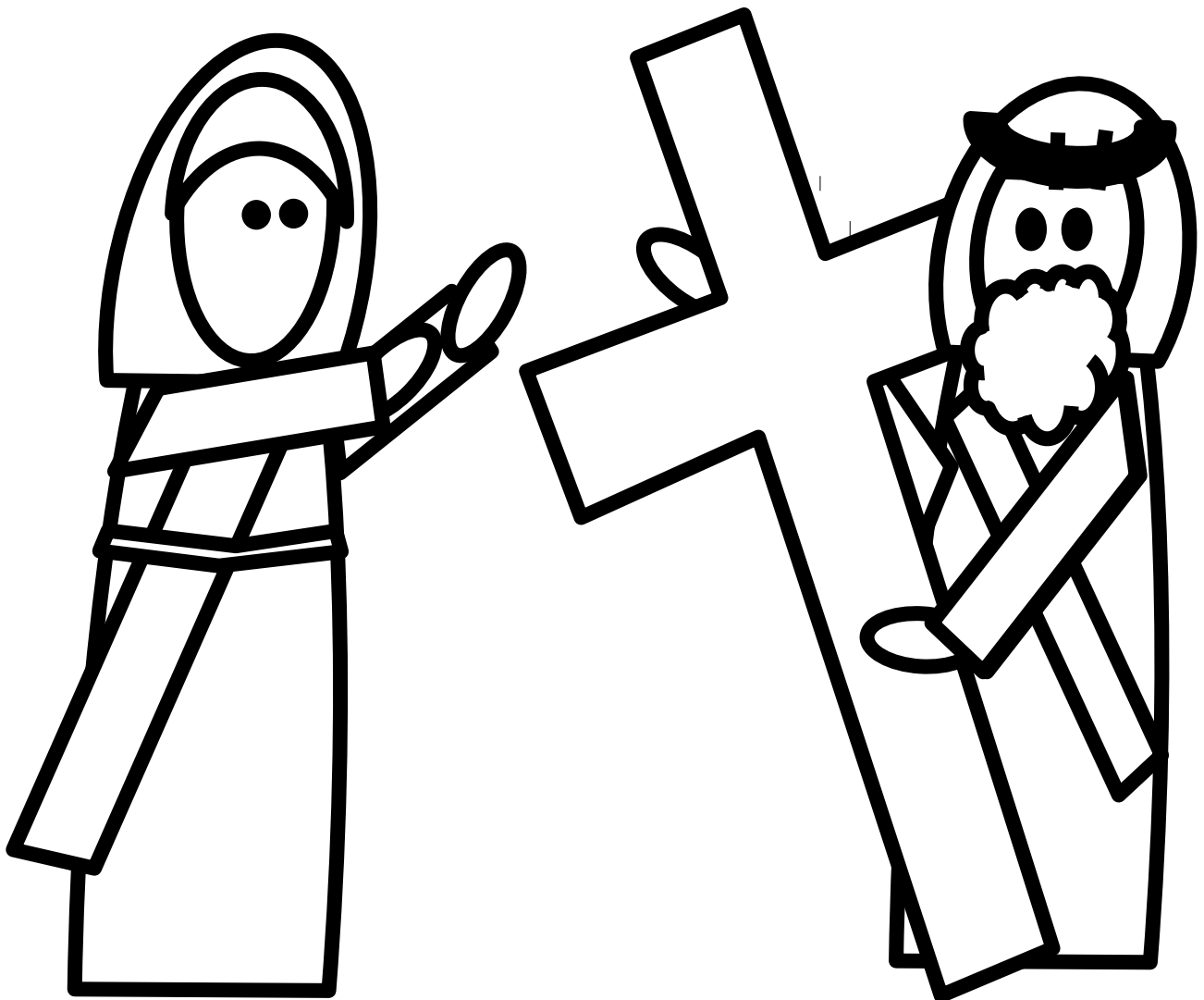
The Fourth Station : Jesus meets his Mother

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Jesus knew that Mary, his mother, was sad to see him hurting. But he was so grateful she came to him. Mary loved her son Jesus very much.

Prayer: Our parents love us very much. Sometimes we don't let them hug us and care for us because we are upset or don't want them to see us in trouble. Jesus, thank you for my parents and their unconditional love for me.



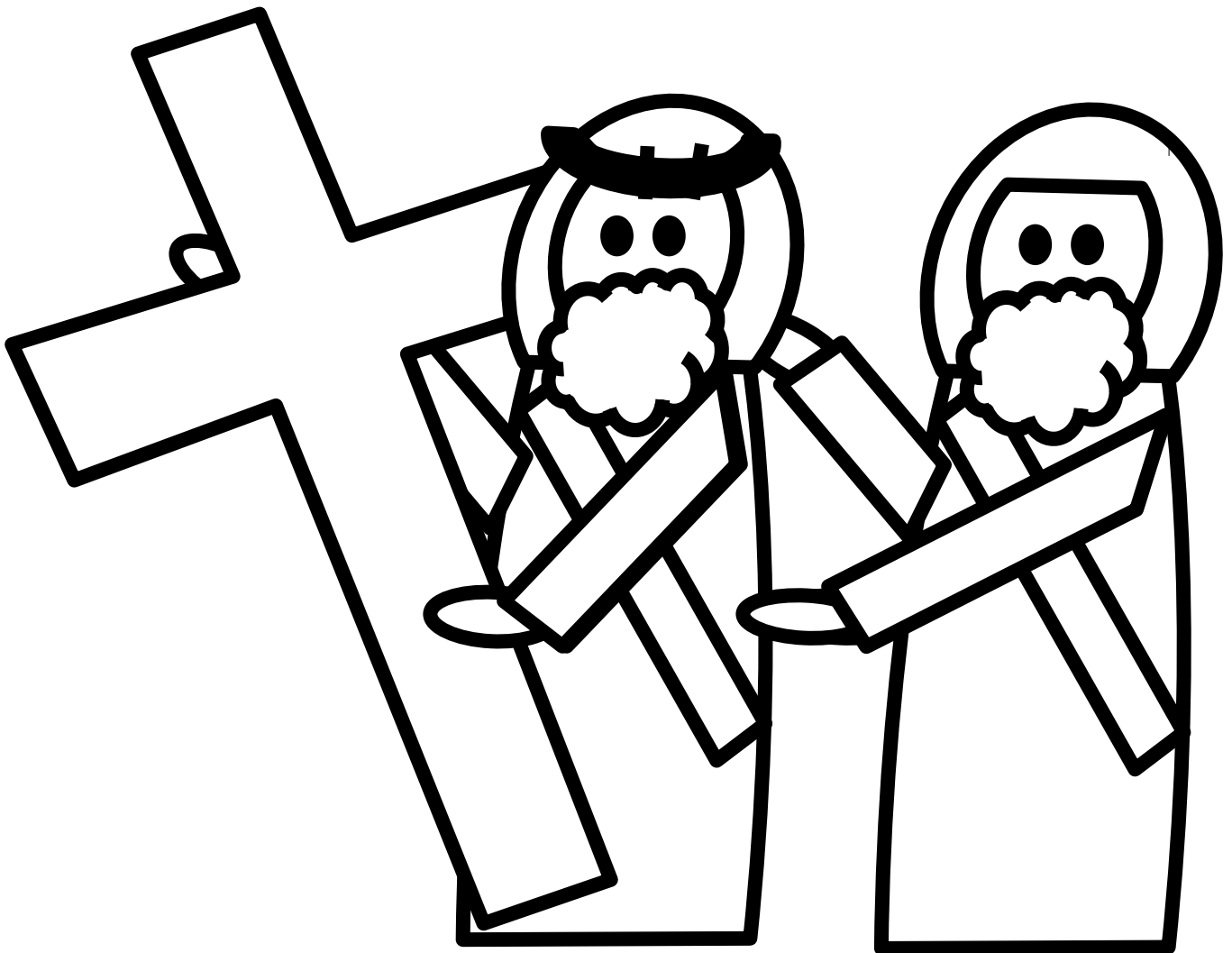
The Fifth Station : Simon of Cyrene helps Jesus

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Simon was in the crowd and wanted to see what was going on. . Then he was ordered by the soldiers to carry the cross, because Jesus was having such a hard time.

Prayer: Sometimes I don't want to help others when I am told to. Jesus, help me know that when I help others, it is like helping you. I want to be kind and helpful to others.



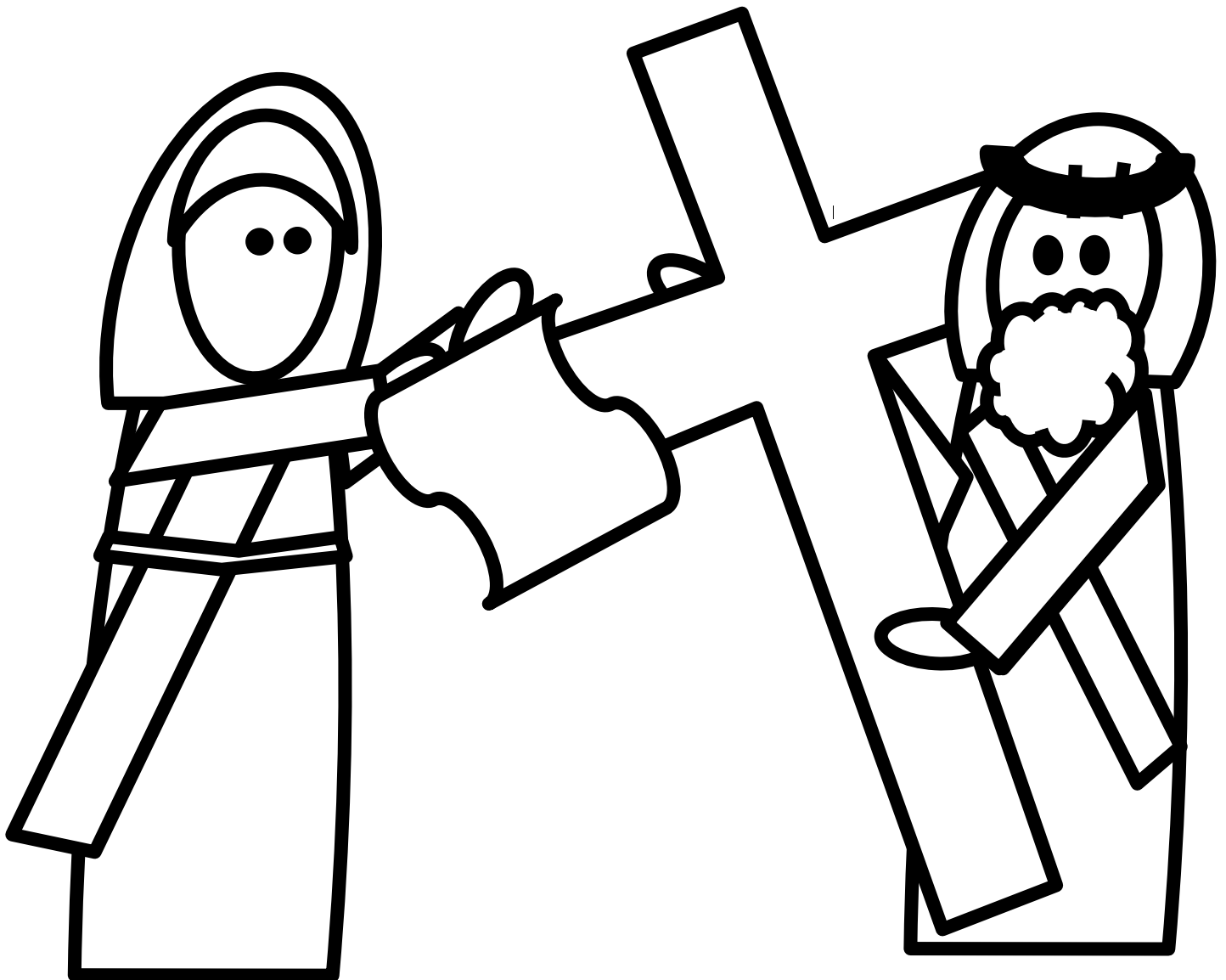
The Sixth Station : Veronica wipes the face of Jesus

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Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world

Veronica loved Jesus very much. When she stepped out to wipe his face from the blood and sweat, she risked getting in lots of trouble from the soldiers. Her love and kindness overcame her fear.

Prayer: Jesus, I want to love you like Veronica. Help me to be brave and love others. Help me grow in courage and kindness.



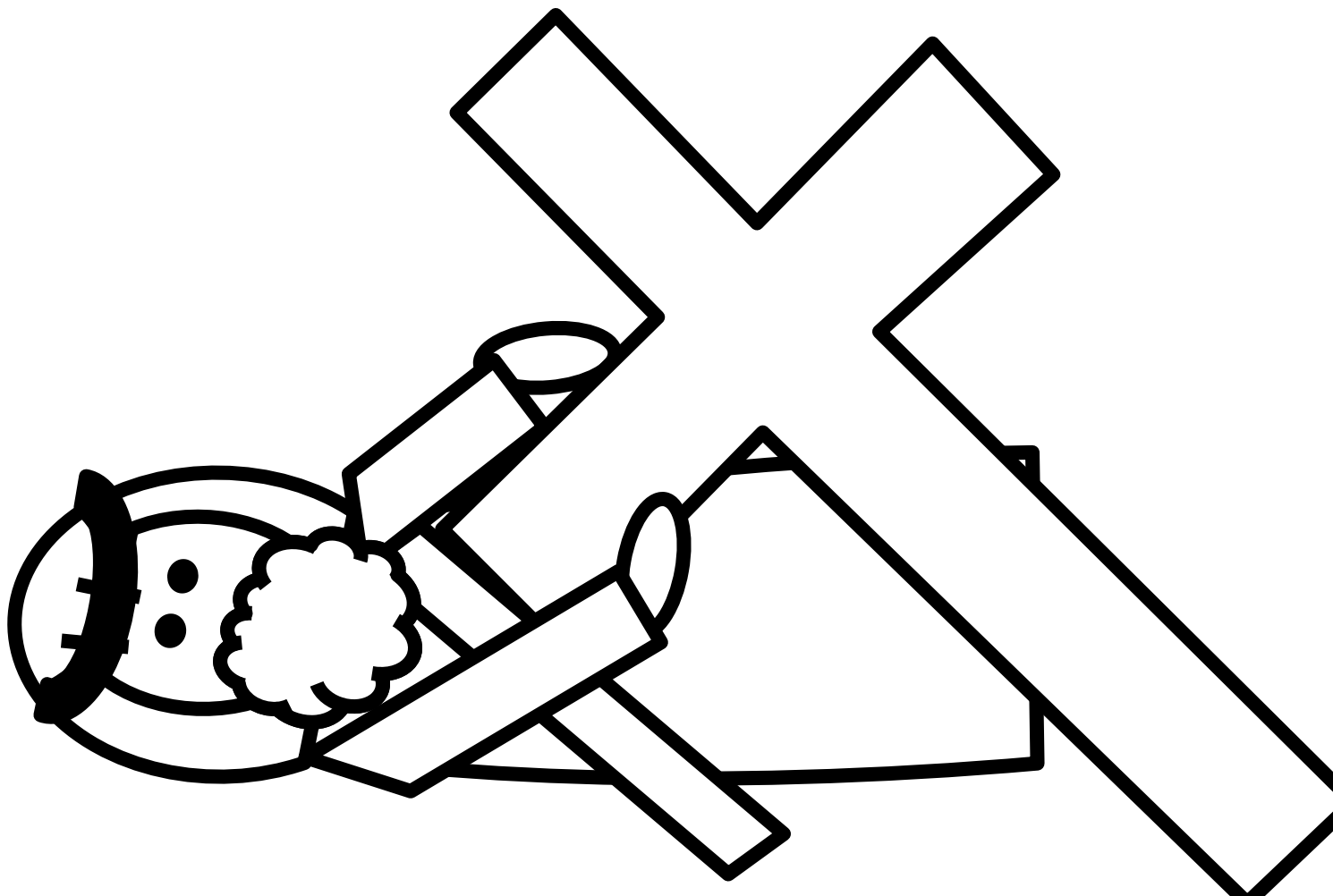
The Seventh Station : Jesus Falls the second time

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Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world

Jesus fell again because he was so weak and tired from all his wounds. He still didn't give up. He got back up and continued on up the hill.

Prayer: Think of a time when you felt weak or something that is hard for you to do. Ask Jesus to help you with this.



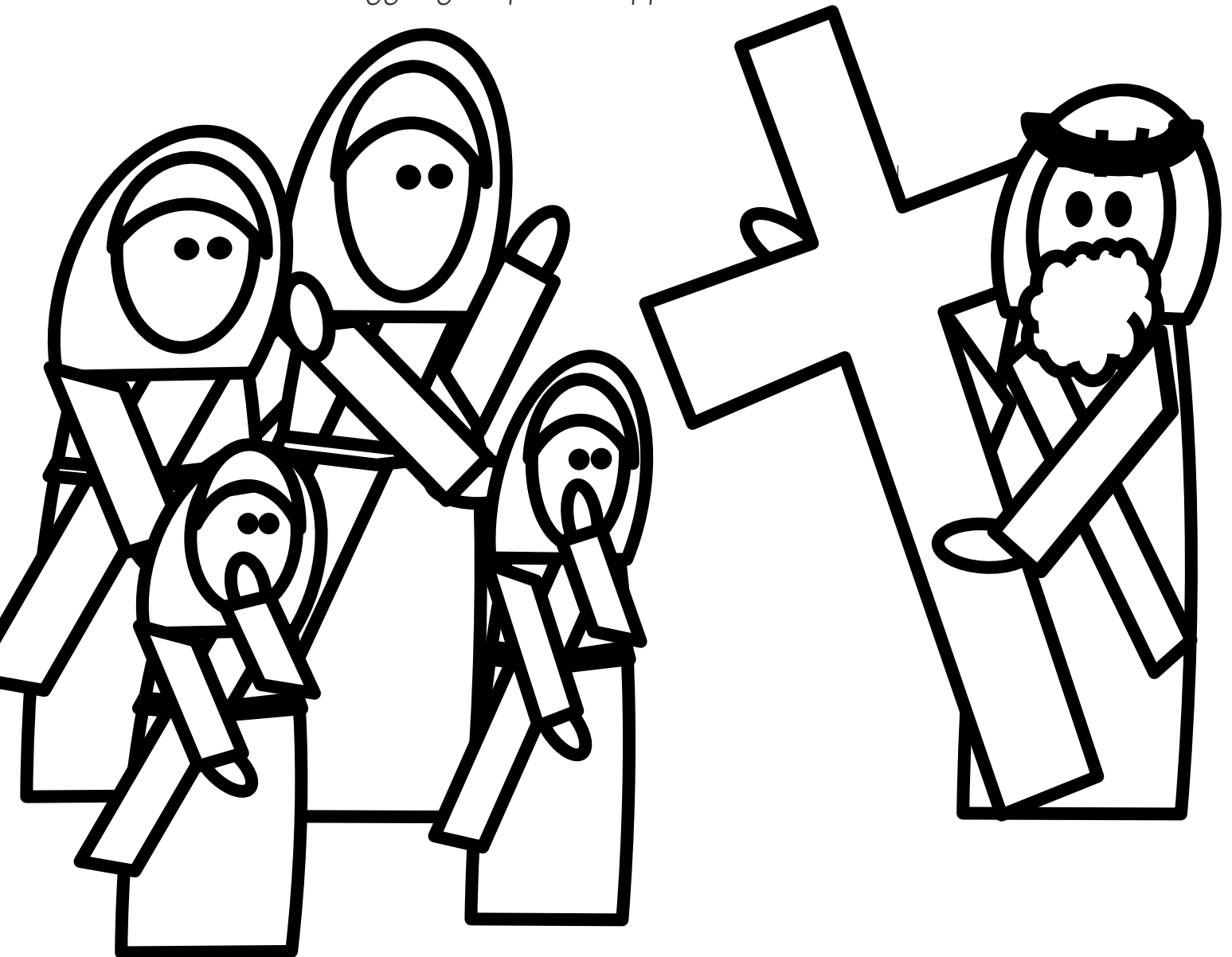
The Eighth Station : Jesus Meets the Women of Jerusalem

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A lot of people were against Jesus, but a lot of people followed him. They were his faithful friends. The women and children wanted to let Jesus know that they cared about him.

Prayer: Help me to be a faithful friend. When my friends are going through a hard time or are struggling help me support them and be a true friend.



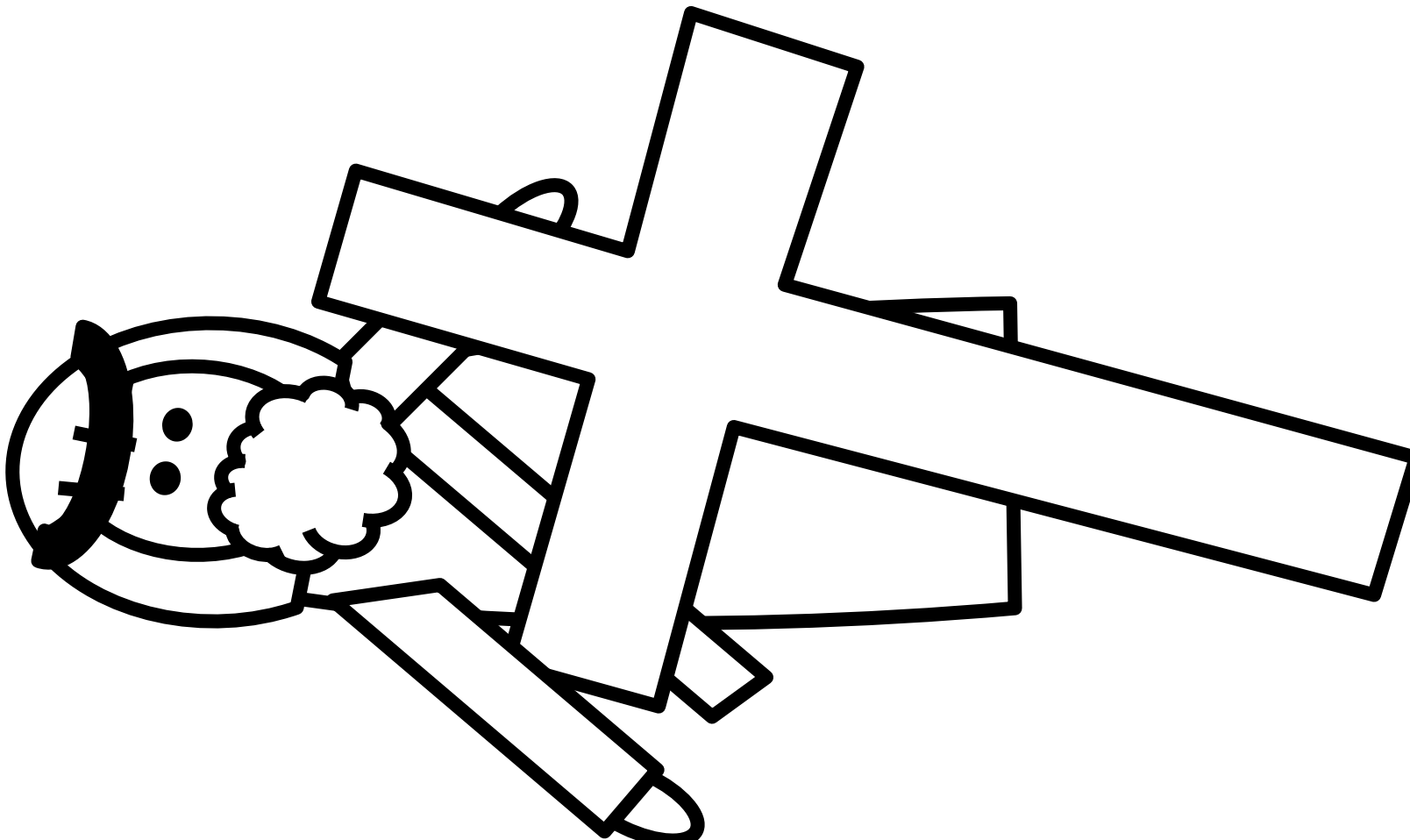
The Ninth Station : Jesus falls the third time

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Jesus fell again because the cross was heavy and he was tired. The soldiers didn't help him. They only yelled louder for him to get up and continue on. Jesus didn't get mad at them; he forgave them.

Prayer: Sometimes people say or do hurtful things. Sometimes people don't help us when we need them. Jesus, help me to forgive everyone like you did. Help me not to get angry or hold a grudge against someone who has hurt me. Help me to forgive like you.



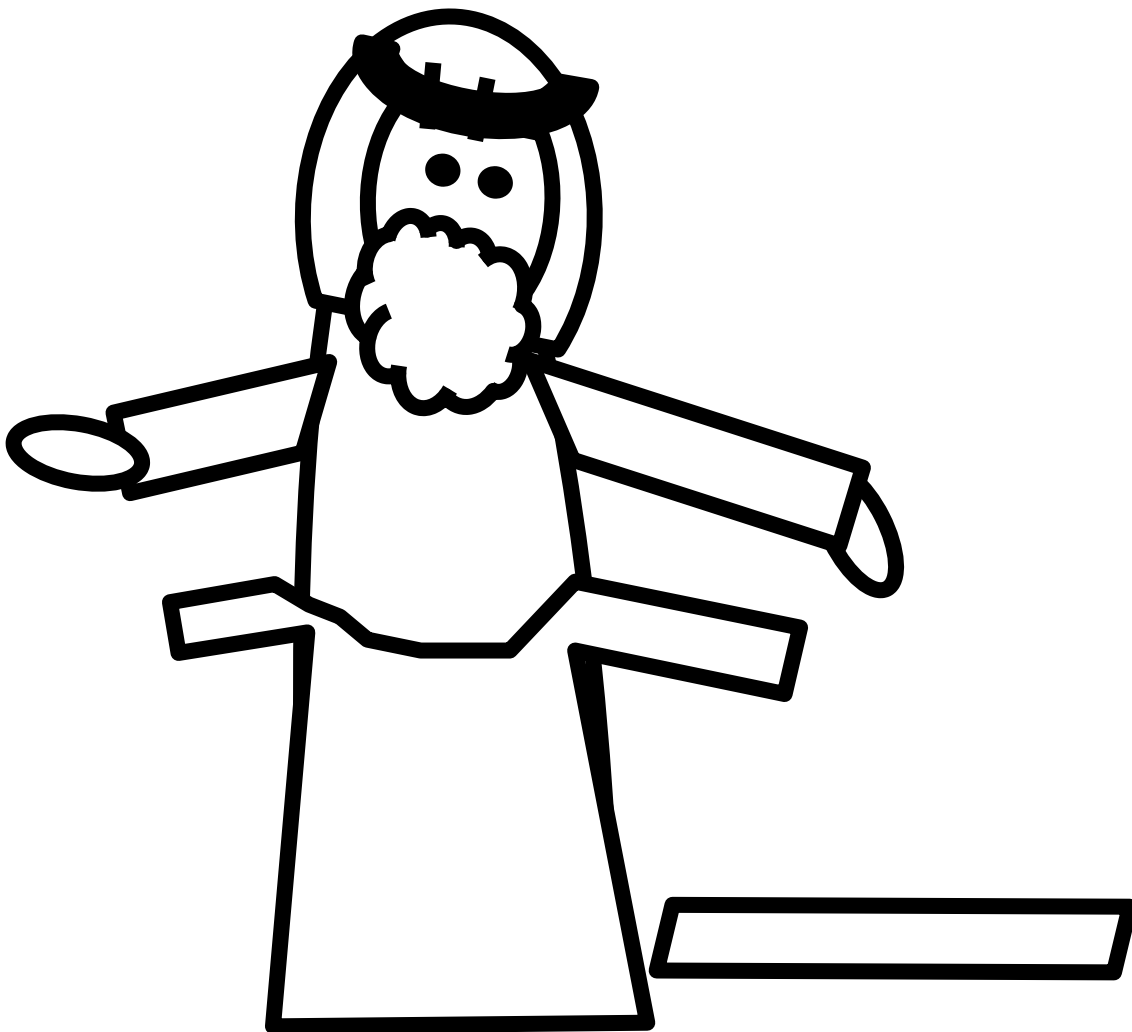
The Tenth Station : Jesus is striped of his clothes

We adore you oh Christ and we bless you,

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world

To be without clothes in front of everyone is a humiliating thing. Jesus probably felt embarrassed. But he knew his Father in heaven loved him

Prayer: *Jesus, help me know how much you and the Father love me, so I will never be embarrassed or ashamed.*



The Eleventh Station : Jesus is crucified

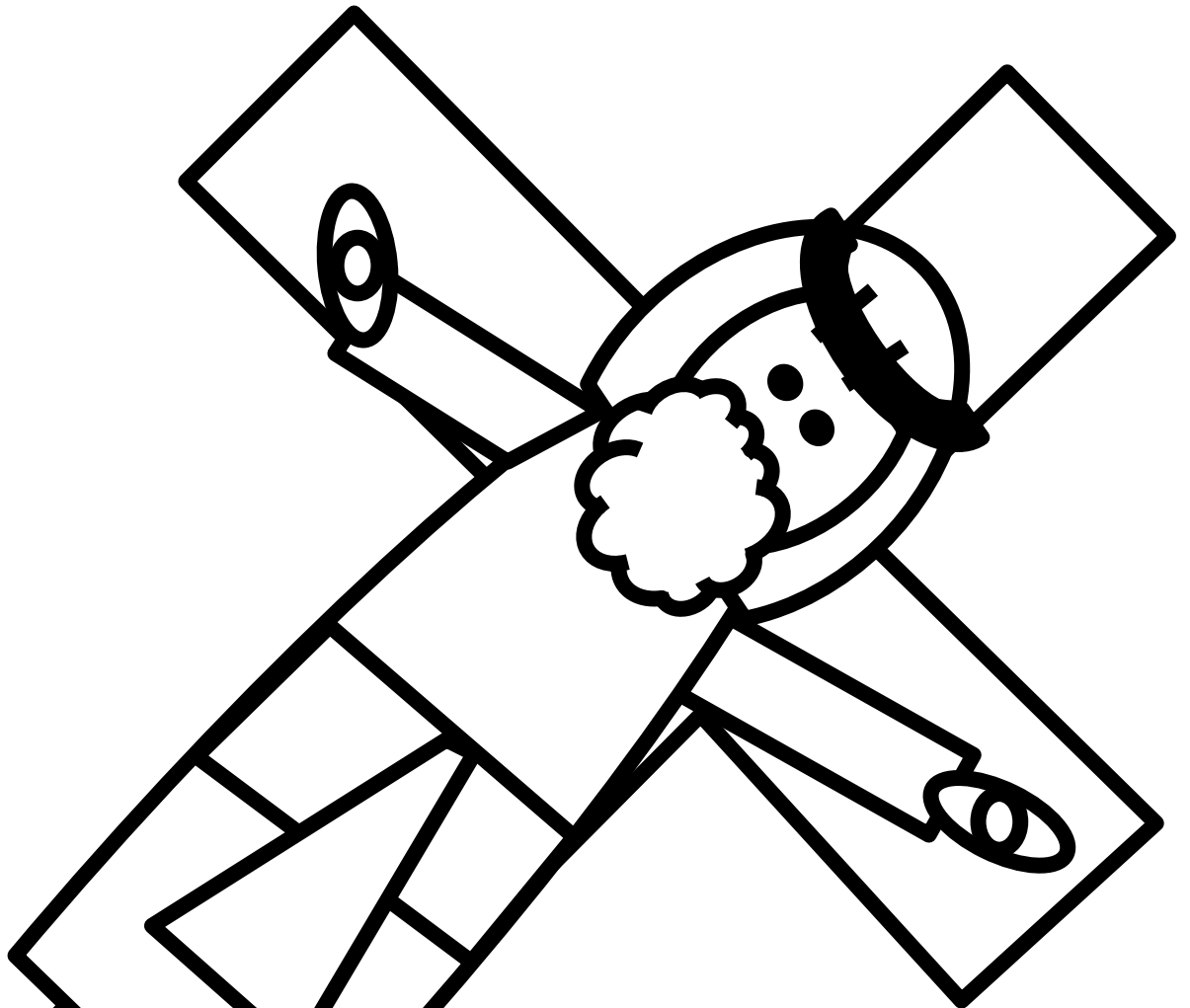
We adore you of Christ and we bless you,

Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world

The soldiers drove nails through Jesus' hands and feet. Jesus was in a lot of pain.

They lifted up the cross and put it in place.

Prayer: Many people suffer from pain everyday. Jesus, please comfort everyone who is in pain today especially those who are sick and hungry.



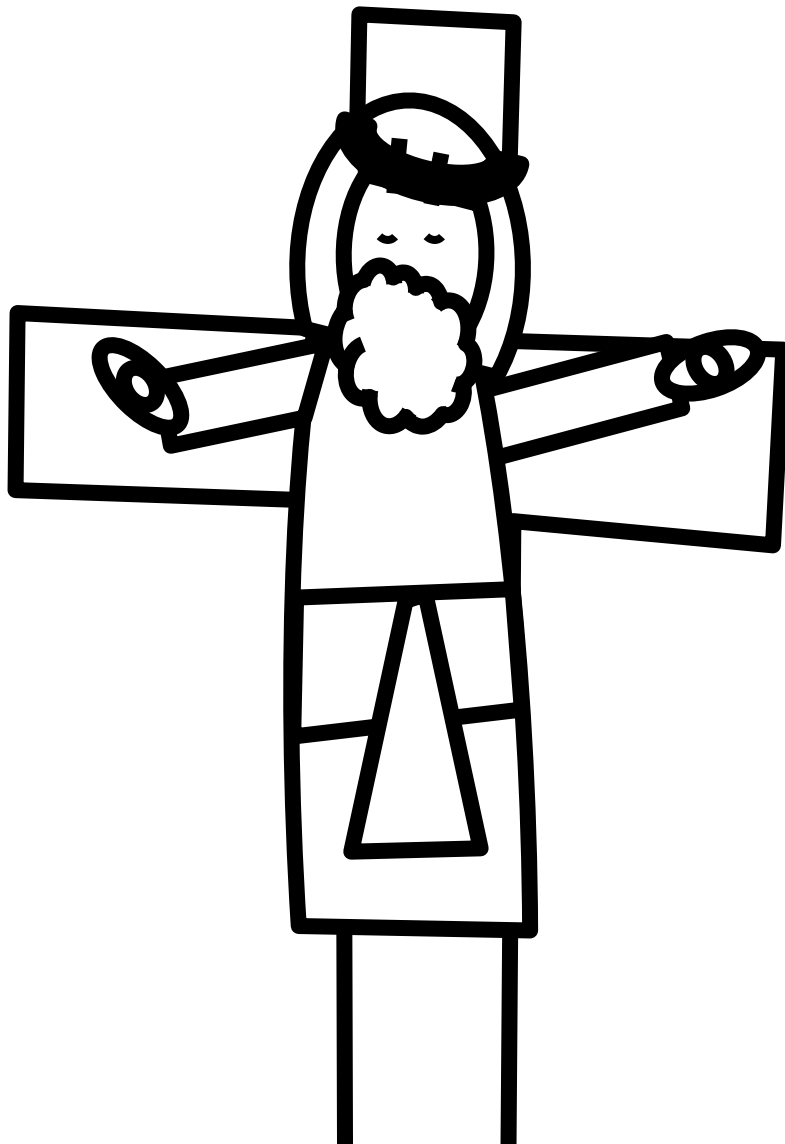
The Twelfth Station : Jesus dies on the cross

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When Jesus died on the cross, the sky got dark and the ground started to shake. This made some people very scared. Some realized that Jesus was innocent and that they had made a big mistake.

Prayer: Jesus, help me to admit when I make mistakes. Help me to say I'm sorry when I do wrong. Thank you for always forgiving me. I love you, and I want to do the right thing.



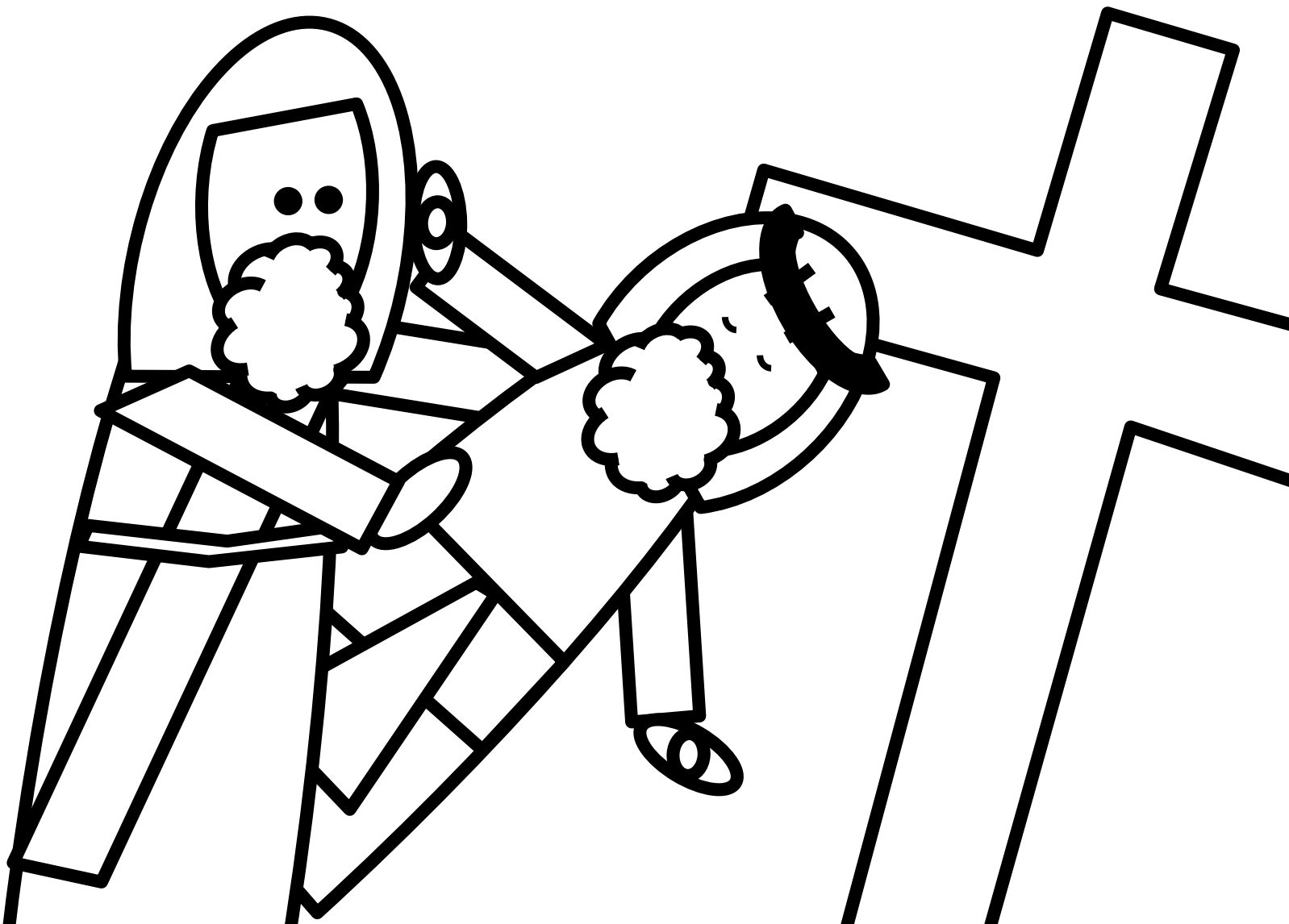
The Thirteenth Station : Jesus is taken down from the cross

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Joseph of Arimathea was a friend of Jesus. He gave Jesus his own burial cave because Jesus didn't have a place to be buried. Joseph took a risk to help Jesus..

Prayer: Sometimes it is risky to step out and help people who are in need. Jesus, give me love and courage to step out and help those in need.



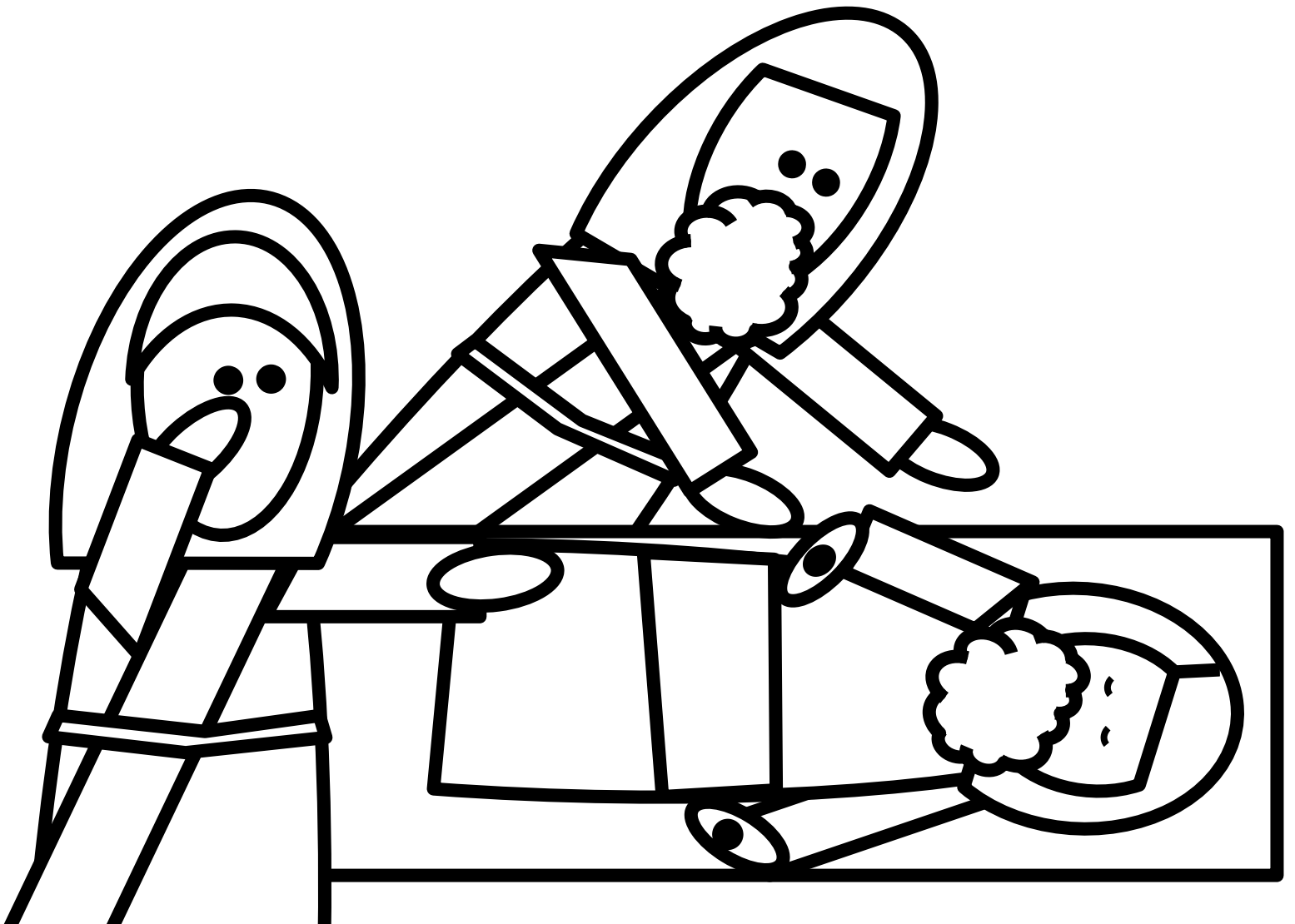
The Fourteenth Station : Jesus is laid in the tomb

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Even when things look very dark and sad, there is always hope that God can bring new life and new hope into our lives.

Prayer: *Jesus, I believe that you died and rose from the dead so that I could have new life. Thank you!*



Draw a picture of Jesus rising from the dead on Easter morning.