

How to Use the 2021 *Stations of the Cross* Online Kit

We understand the challenges of school and parish ministry in 2021 while we face the COVID-19 pandemic. Many school and parish program cannot meet in person at all, and many who can must practice social distancing while gathered. Regardless of your current situation, we hope that the *2021 Stations of the Cross* online kit will provide you with a great resource to effectively minister to your group.

For personal reflection, the simplest way to use *Stations of the Cross* is to watch and enjoy the video. If you wish, you may print the script (available in the kit) to follow along and write a personal response for each station in the areas provided.

For group ministry where you are unable to meet in person, here are some suggestions for using the online kit:

- Send your members the link to the online kit (<http://www.cornerstonemedia.org/stations>) via email or social media, inviting them to view the video individually. You may wish to point them to the guide so they can follow along with the reflections and songs, and even write a personal response for each station.
- Schedule an online session for your group on Zoom (or similar platform) to view the video together. Email the guide in advance so everyone can follow along. If participants are unable to print the user guide, while you are watching the video together, participants can be invited to type a personal response for each station into the group chat area.
- To inform all parishioners about this great resource, write up an announcement in your parish bulletin including the link (<http://www.cornerstonemedia.org/stations>). Encourage families to participate in the *Stations of the Cross* together.

For school and parish groups who are able to meet in person, here are some suggested ways to use *Stations of the Cross*:

- Print a copy of the user guide for each person and then watch or listen to *Stations of the Cross* together, pausing to allow everyone to write their reflections between stations. (Variation: At the end of the reflection, ask everyone in the group to form a circle lying on the ground and participate in a passing of a heavy cross while listening to a few of the songs chosen for *Stations of the Cross*).
- Lead your group into the church. While playing *Stations of the Cross*, proceed from station to station in the church for each reflection.
- Invite everyone in your parish to a *Stations of the Cross* prayer service. As the audio track from the *Stations of the Cross* video plays in the background, the youth can re-enact the 14 stations. Because the CD includes teen reflections, no speaking is required by the performers. The service is not only easy to prepare, but prayerful and powerful for parishioners of all ages.
- Create your own *Stations of the Cross* presentation with speaking parts by using the script in the guide plus clips from the songs.