

## Path Of Compassion Answer Key

1. Jesus was walking to Golgotha, the hill where he would be crucified.
2. He showed courage by continuing to carry the cross despite pain and exhaustion.
3. He said, "Father, forgive them," showing compassion and mercy toward others.
4. The darkening sky symbolizes sadness and the gravity of the moment.
5. The lesson is that forgiveness and love are powerful even in times of great suffering.

### Teacher's Guide

- **Skill Focus:** Reading comprehension, moral reasoning, and theme analysis.
- **Differentiation Tips:**
  - For younger readers, shorten the passage and simplify key vocabulary such as "forgiveness" or "Golgotha."
  - For older or advanced students, encourage them to write a short paragraph connecting the passage to modern acts of compassion.
- **Engagement Ideas:**
  - Use dramatic reading-students take turns reading the passage aloud with emotion.
  - Invite discussion on how forgiveness can bring peace in real-life situations.
- **Extension Options:**
  - Have students write a journal reflection titled *"What I Can Learn from Good Friday."*
  - Incorporate art by letting students draw one symbolic image from the passage (e.g., cross, sunrise, or open hands).