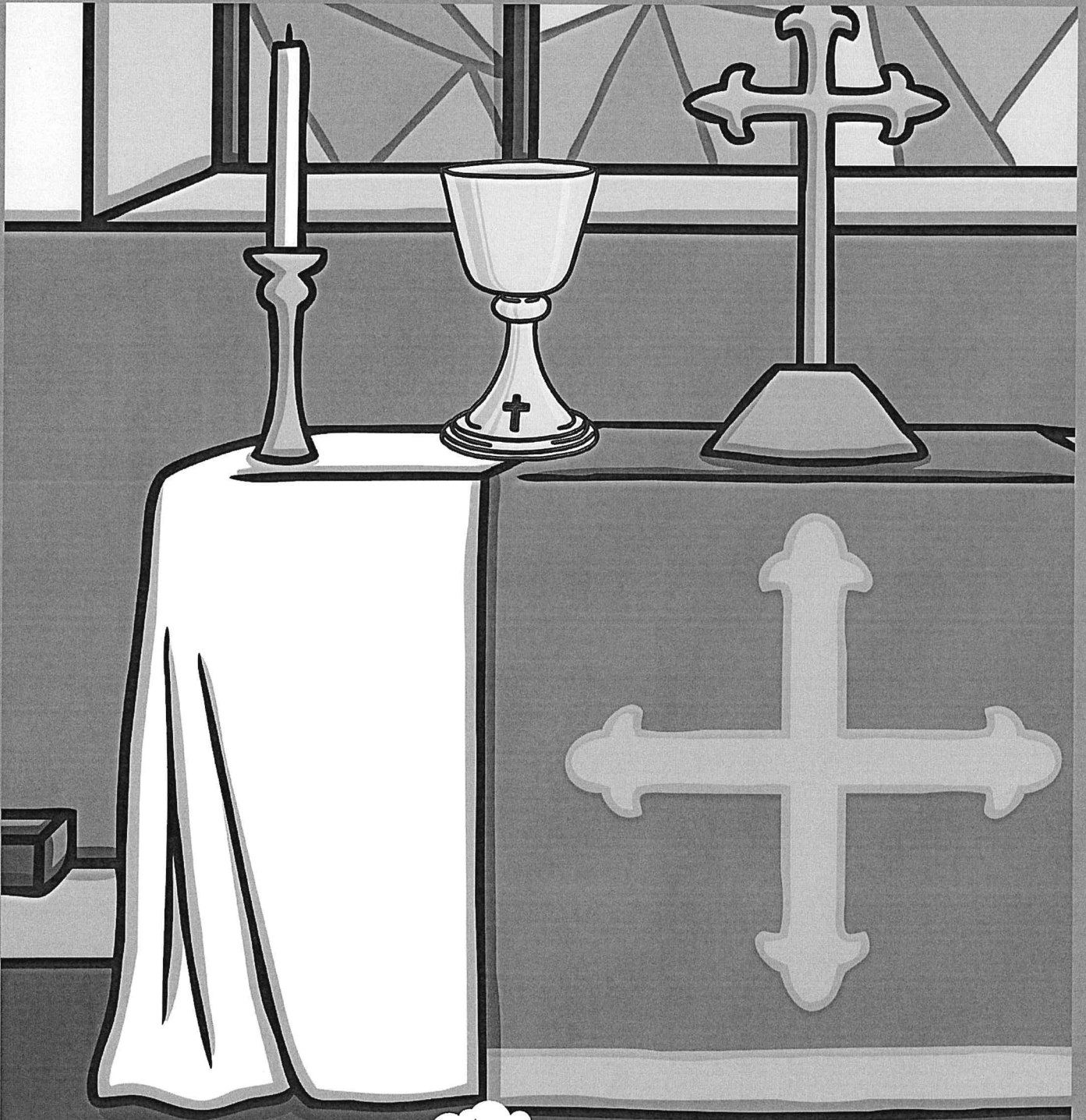


Religious Education





“Aspire not to have more, but to **BE**”



The Beatitudes Matthew 5: 1-12

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and he began to teach them,
saying...

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for theirs is the kingdom of heaven

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they for will be comforted



Blessed are the
meek,

for
they
will
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earth



Blessed
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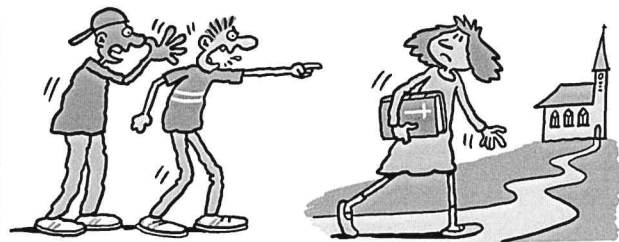
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persecuted because of righteousness,

Prisoner of
Conscience



for theirs is the
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Blessed
are you when people insult you,
persecute you... because of me.



Rejoice
and be glad, because
great is your reward in heaven



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10 "Happy are those who are persecuted because they do what God requires; the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them!

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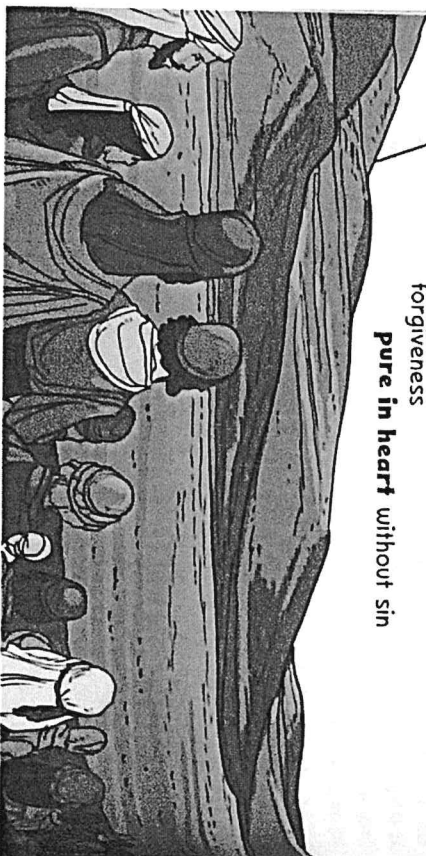
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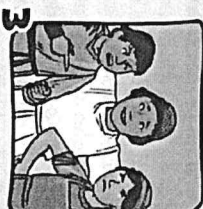
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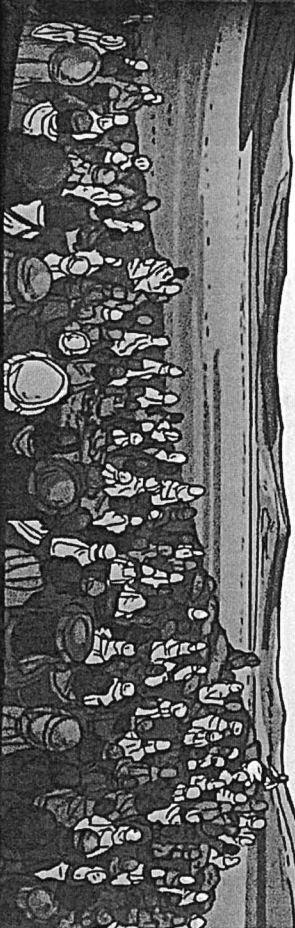
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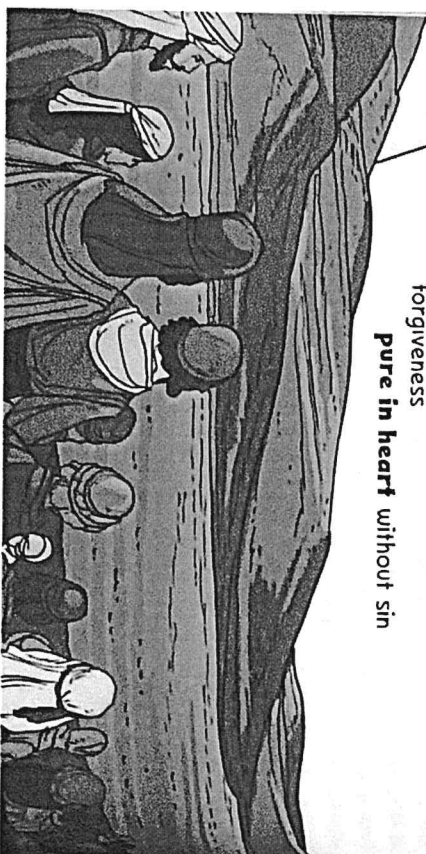
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