



NATIVE FIRST COMMUNION SERIES

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WORKBOOK



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A series of 9 children's workbooks with family letters, including a family and teaching guide:

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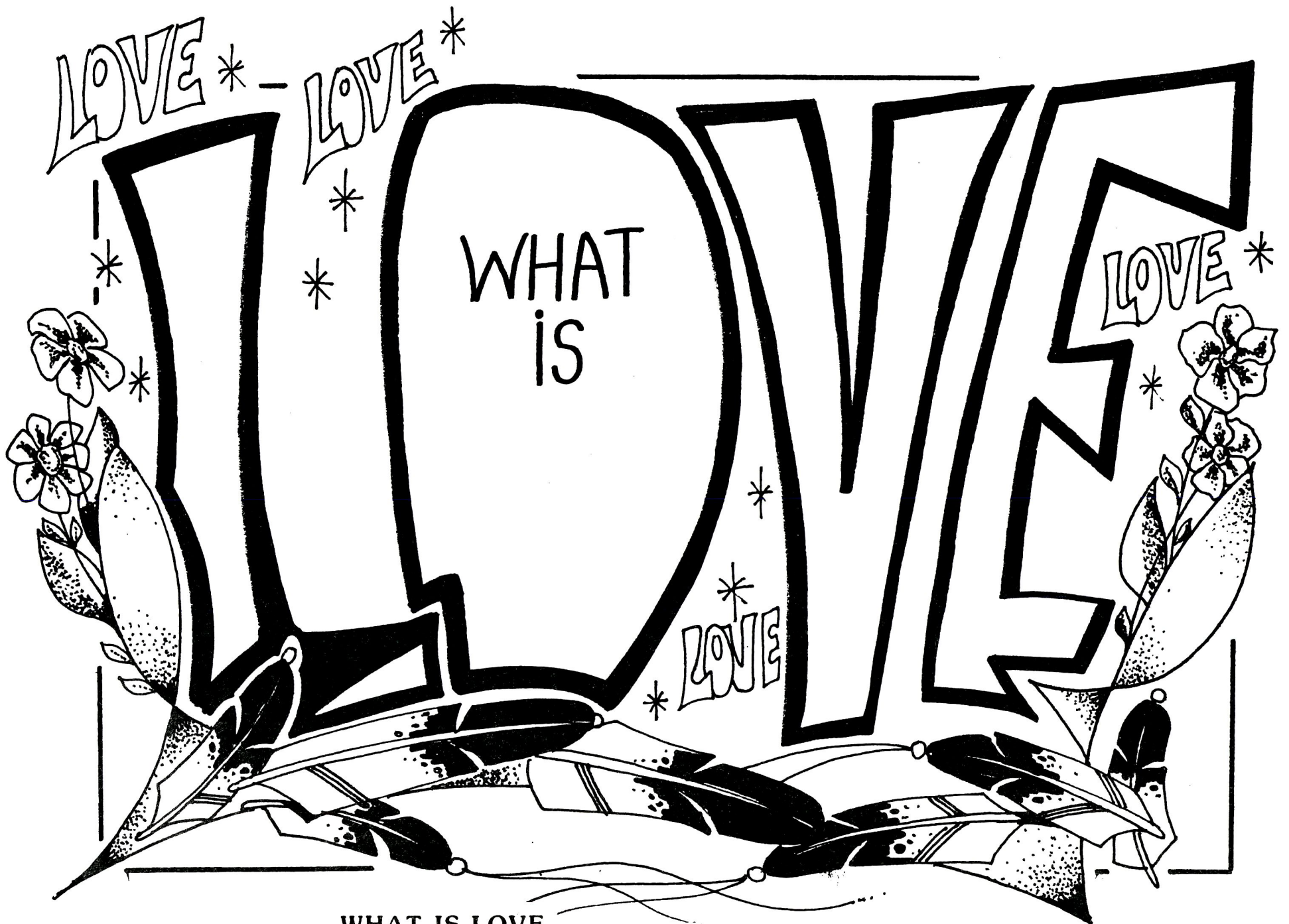
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Through the teaching on LOVING, children learn that love is shared by sincere actions rather than by empty words. Loving, caring, and helping people in everyday life makes the world a better place. Merely talking about loving isn't enough. The attitudes and examples of the family have the greatest influence on whether children grow up to be generous or selfish. They learn to share their own talents and gifts when they see adults care for the sick, help the needy, treat others with respect, and pray with others.

The two greatest commandments are to love God and to love our neighbor as ourselves. Jesus teaches us both by word and example.

Reading the Gospels helps us hear the word of God. As we think and pray over what we hear, we learn how to live a more Christ-like way of life. When Jesus Christ lived on this earth, He spent a lot of time teaching his followers, curing the sick, and encouraging everyone to turn to God. The people knew Jesus cared about them.

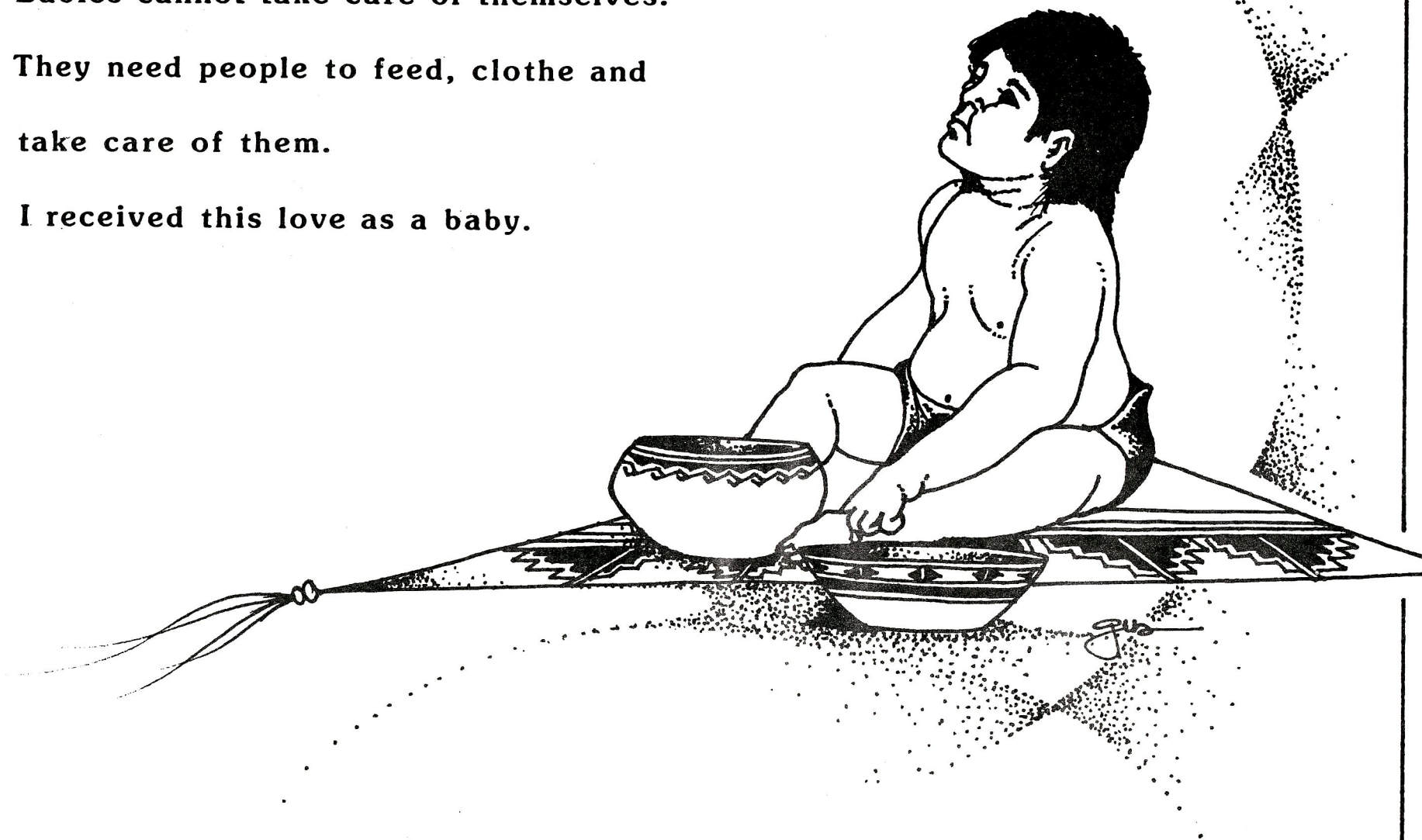
It is usually through the care and encouragement of the family that children grow to understand the love and care of God. Receiving Jesus in Holy Communion helps all of us grow in this love. Our Communion gives us strength to grow daily and share God's love and life with others.



Babies cannot take care of themselves.

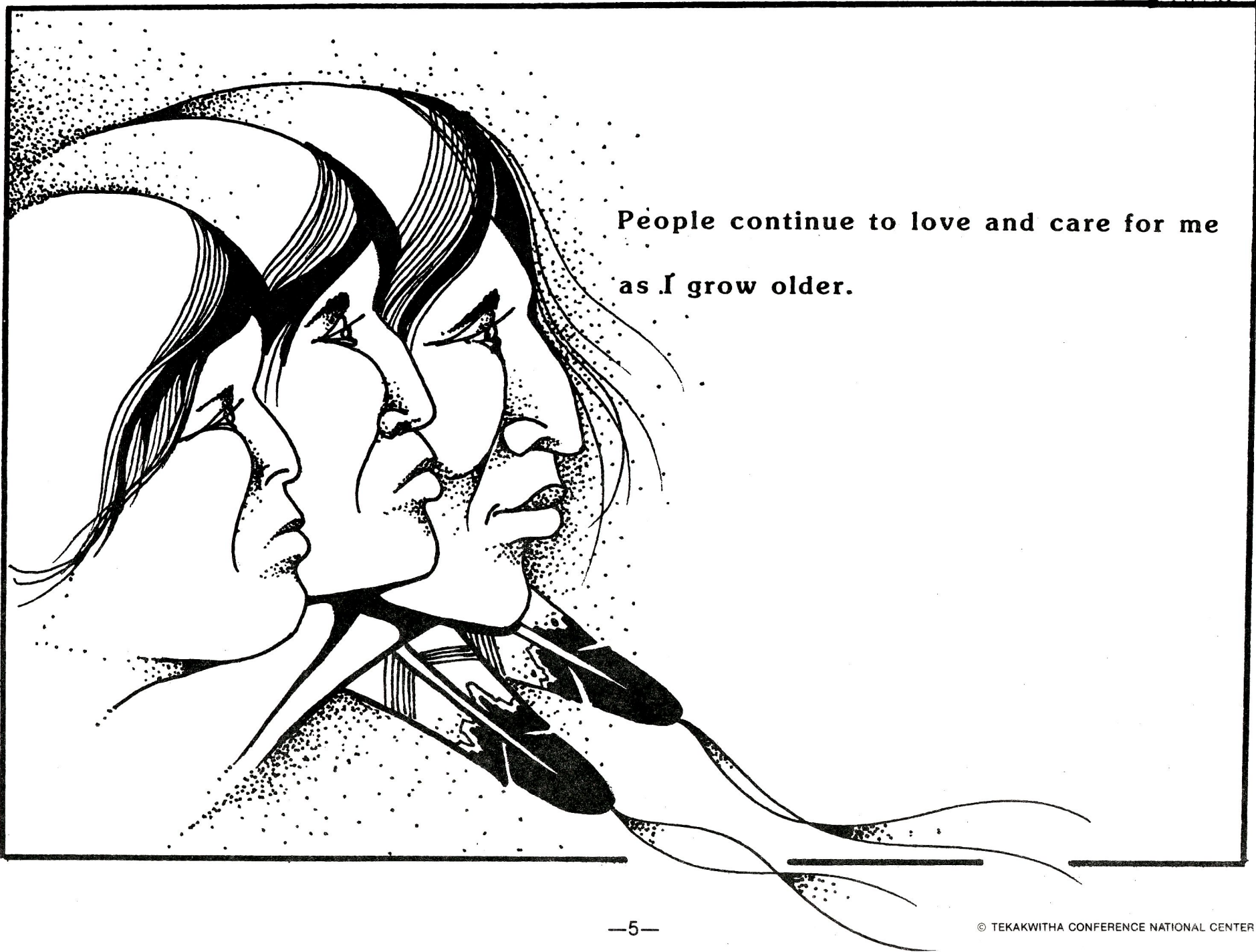
They need people to feed, clothe and
take care of them.

I received this love as a baby.



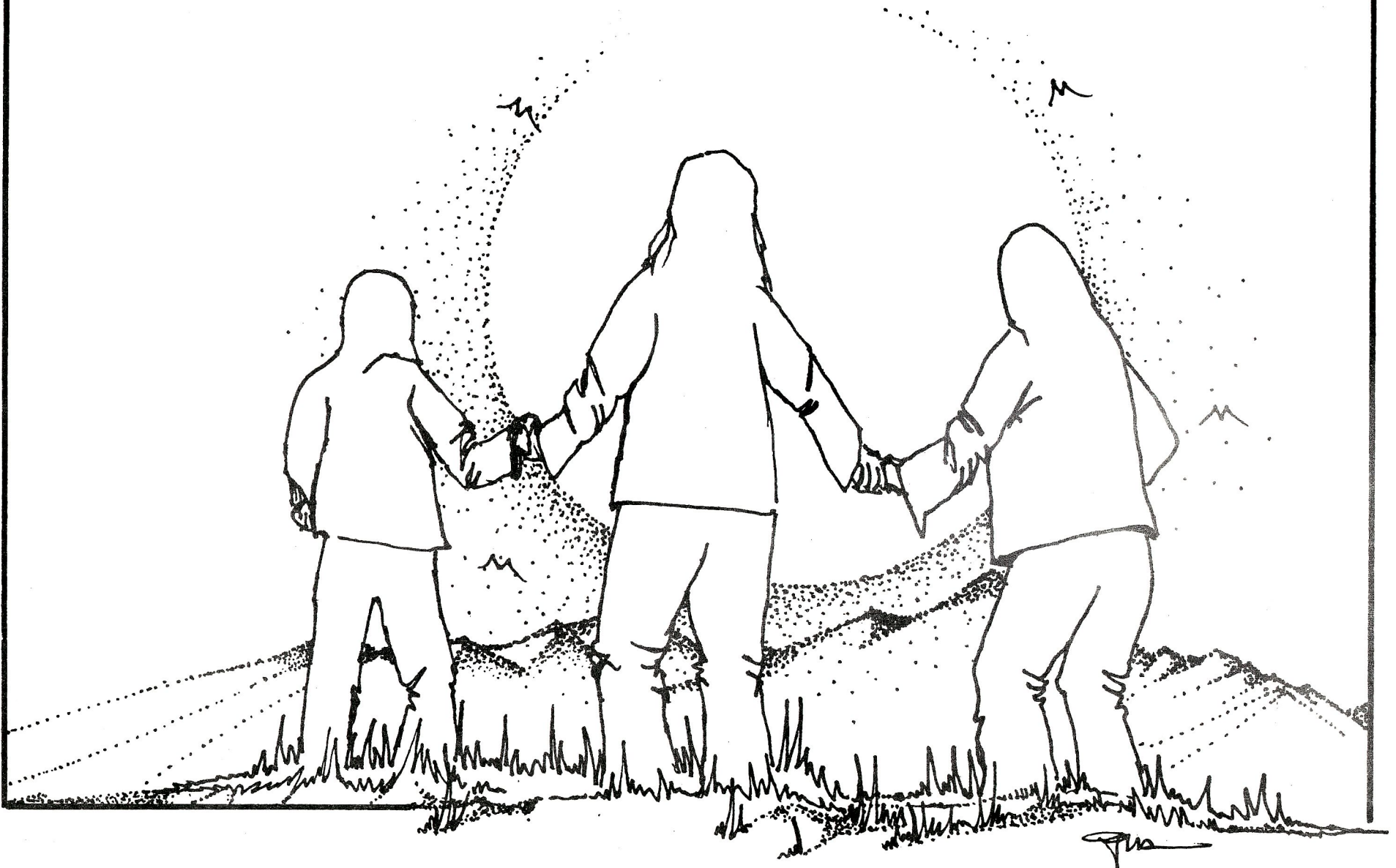
When we care for one another, we show our love.

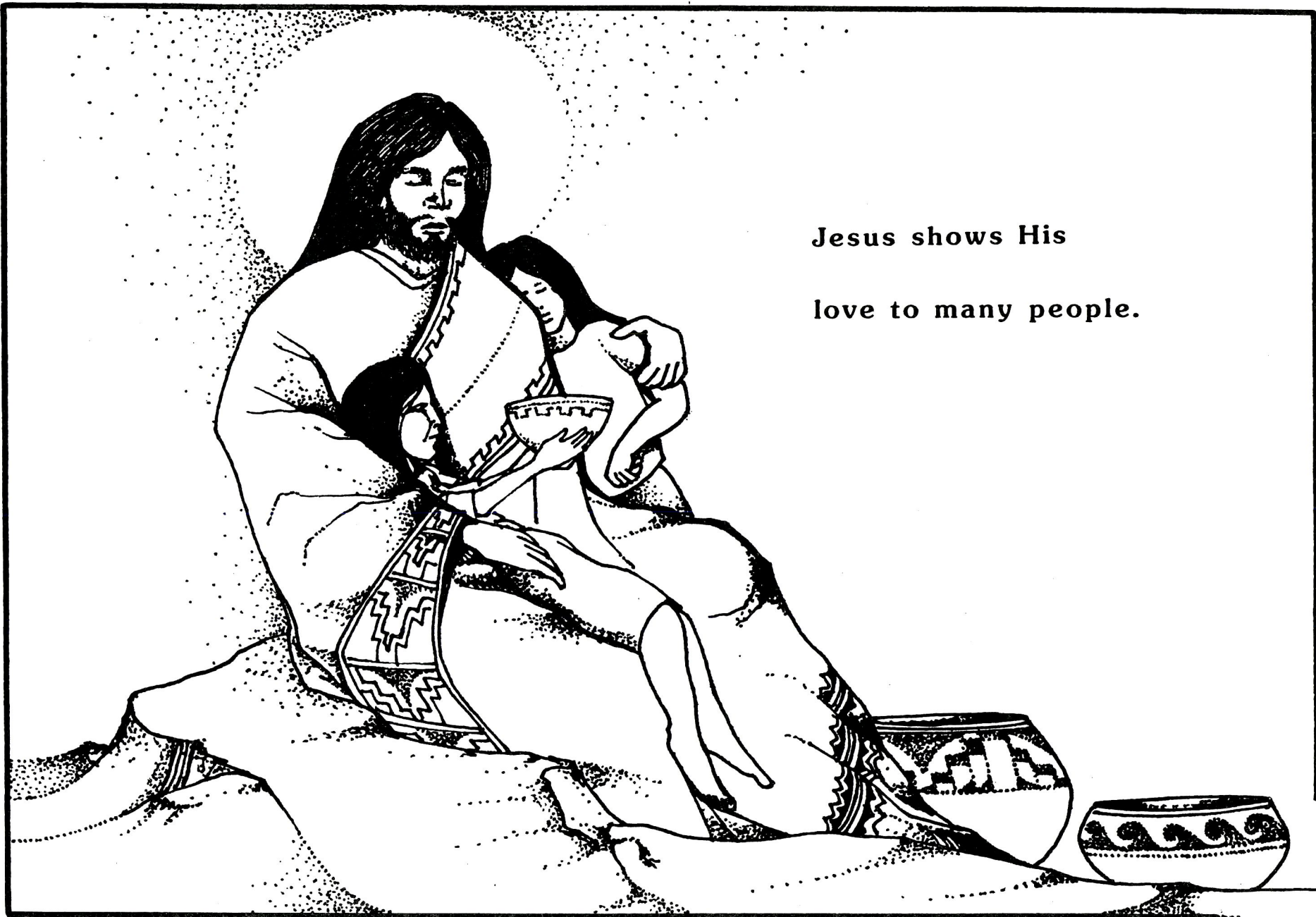




Here is a picture of someone caring for me.

As I grow older, I learn to love others more.





Jesus shows His
love to many people.

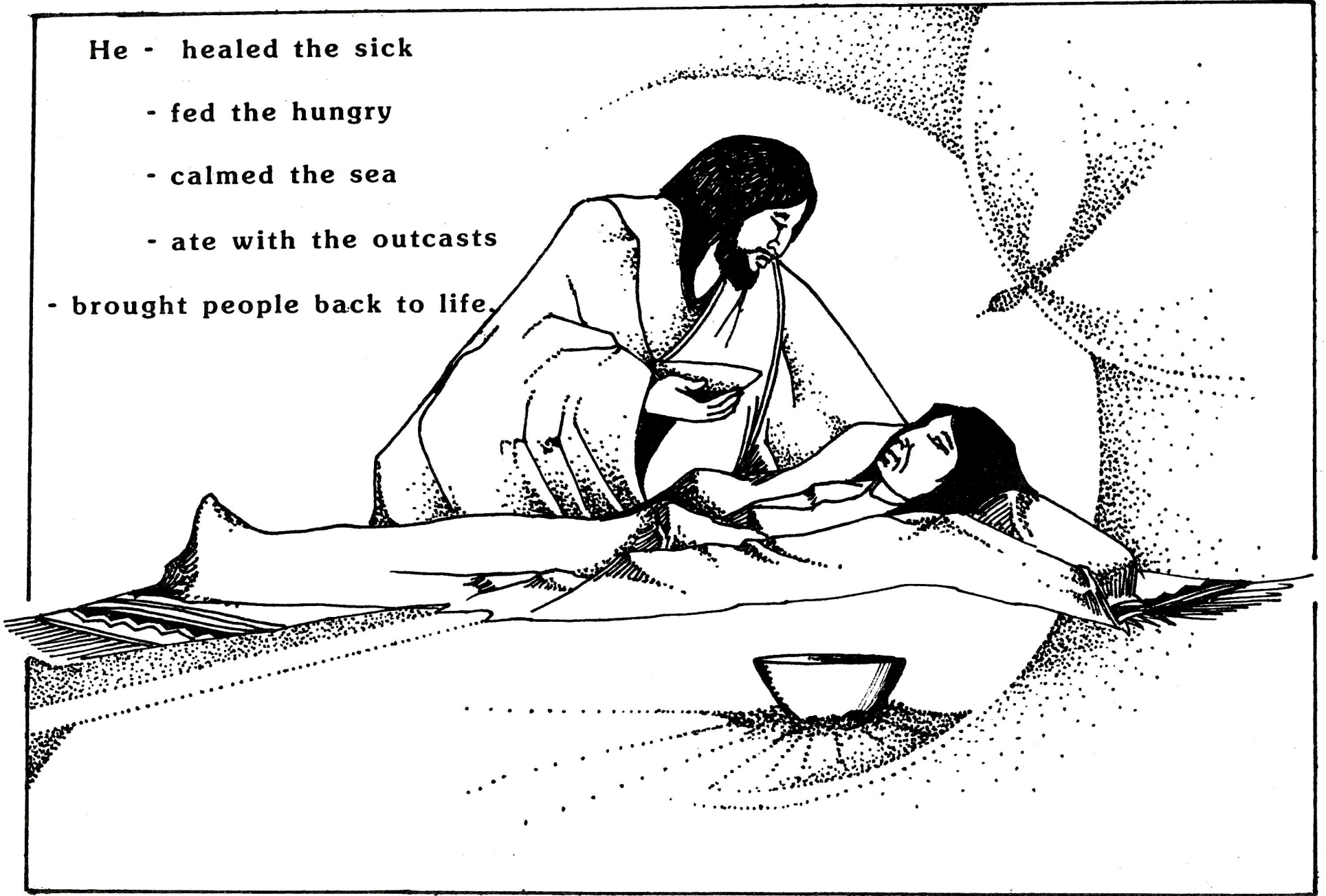
He - healed the sick

- fed the hungry

- calmed the sea

- ate with the outcasts

- brought people back to life.

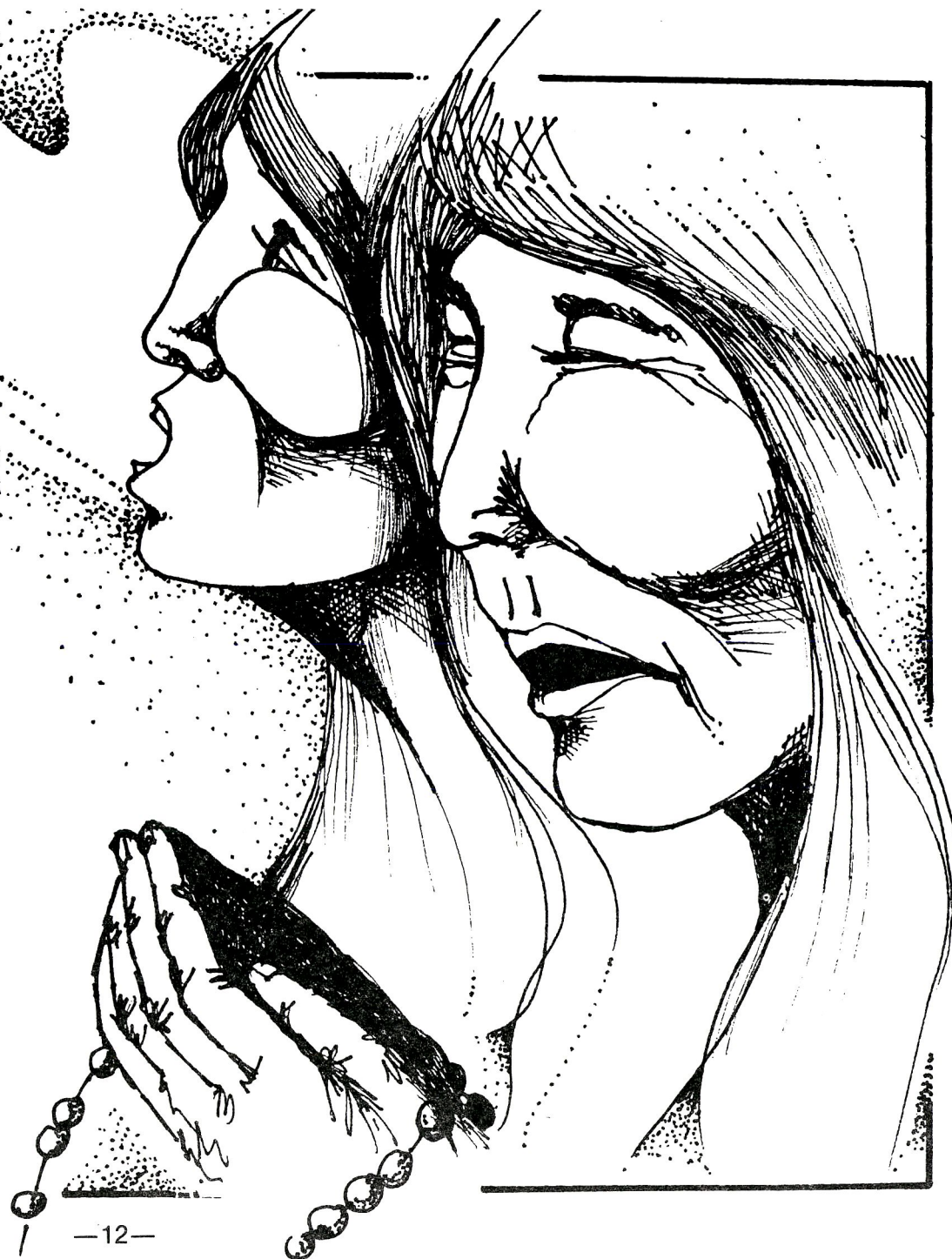


We are like Jesus when we love.



How can I show my love?

**At Eucharist
we, the people in God's
family, pray for
those who need our love.**



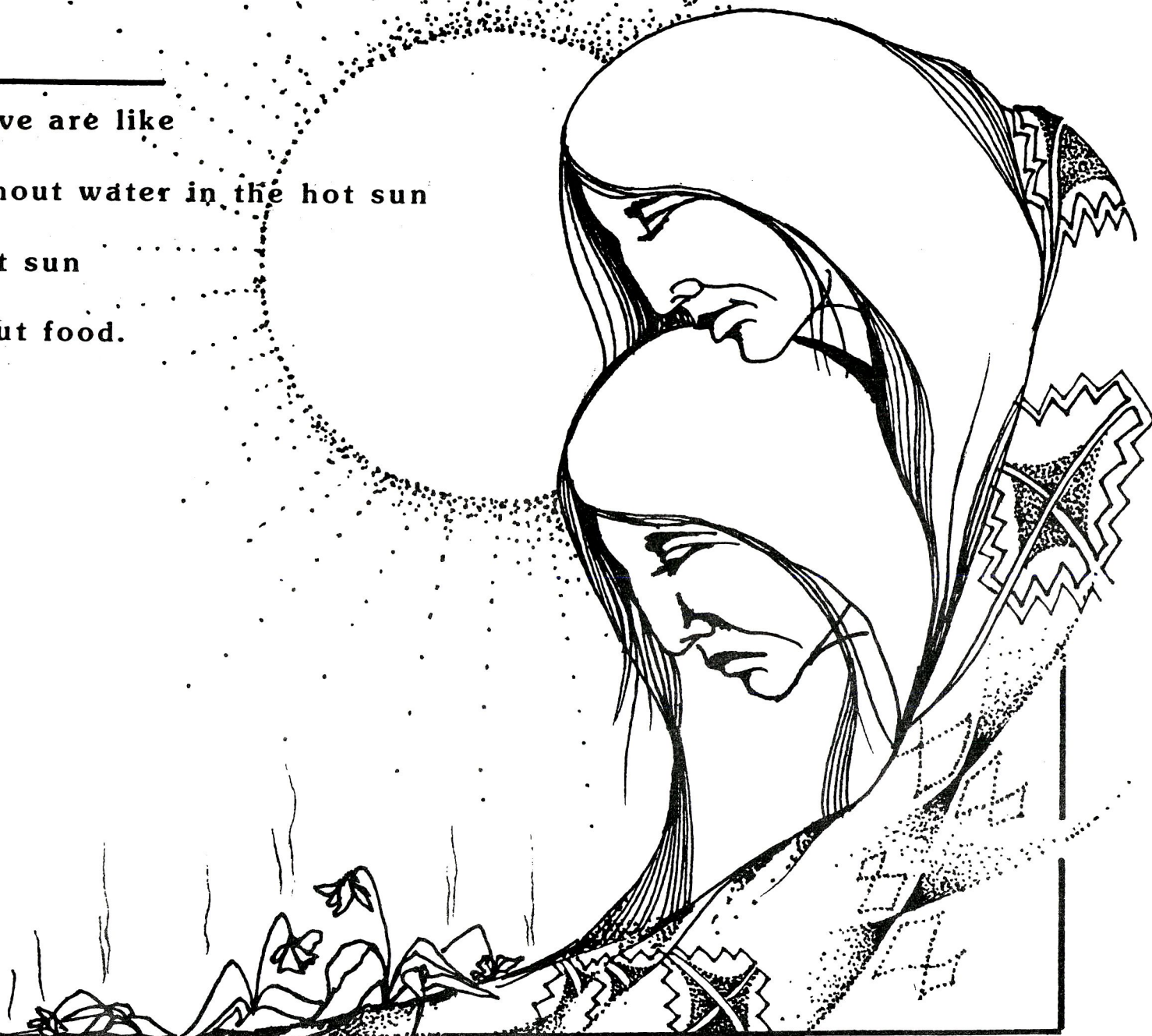
Here are the names and pictures of people I care about.

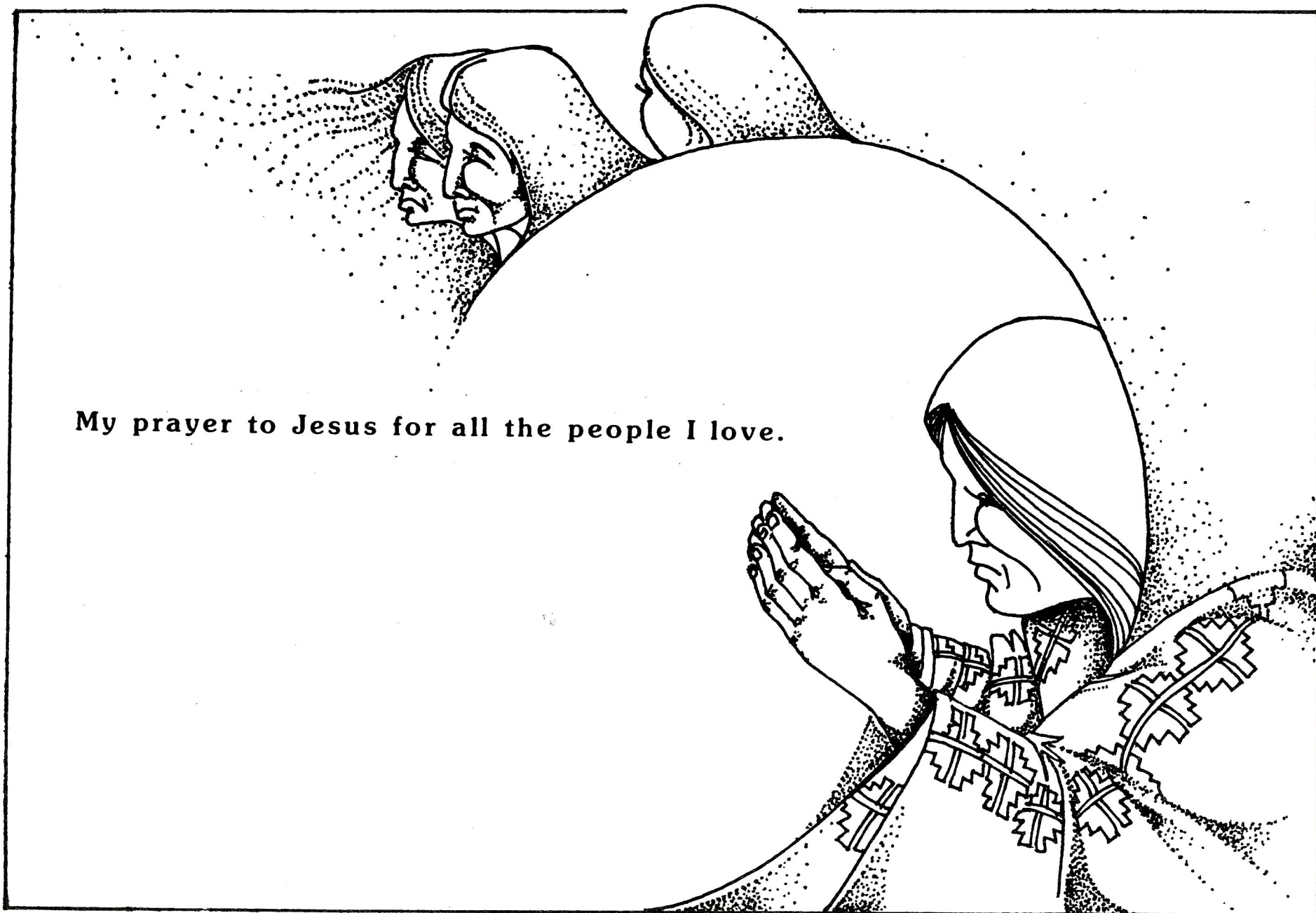
I will pray for them.

This is another way I show my love.

People without love are like

- the grass without water in the hot sun
- a day without sun
- a meal without food.





My prayer to Jesus for all the people I love.

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