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Talk Together:

- 1. What does it mean to be "persecuted for the sake of righteousness"?
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What are the ways you can express and share your faith this week? How will you respond to opposition? Be bold and trust God as you take a stand for Jesus.

Pray Together:

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