

Imaging God

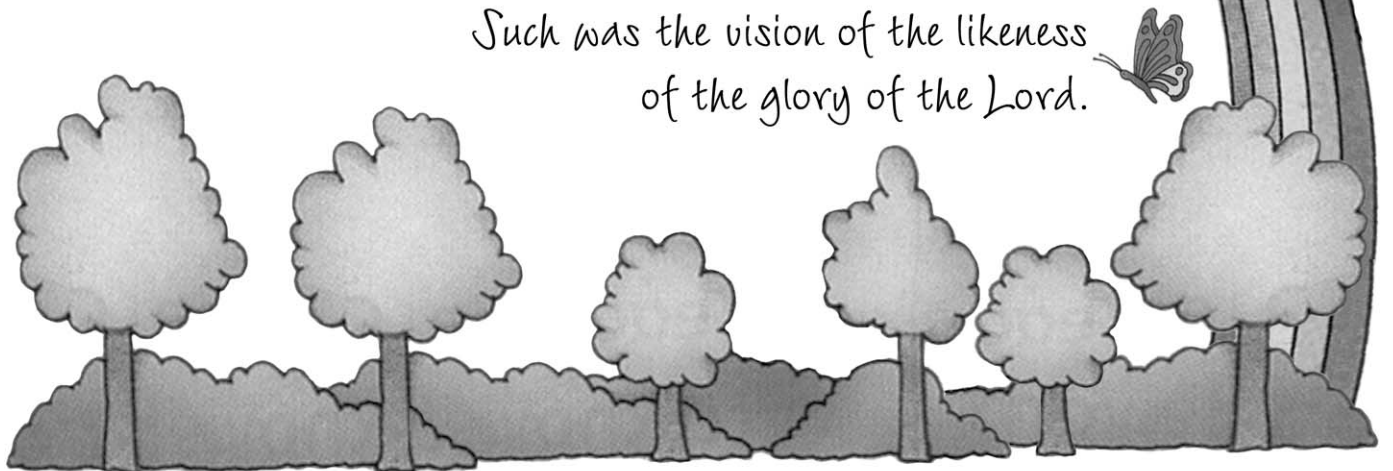
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Parents, Catechists, Teachers: All Scripture is inspired by the Holy Spirit. Encourage your young person to call on the Holy Spirit for help in expressing a personal description of God. Note that apocalyptic writing speaks in code and imagery to convey religious messages. Discuss the symbolism your young person chose to describe God.