EARLY CHURCH CHANT

PERSECUTION—terrible mistreatment of innocent people
"You mean hurting others on purpose?"
"YES!"

MARTYR—one who dies for his faith

JERUSALEM—the city where persecution of Christians began

MARTYRS MIRROR—a big, fat book of stories about, well, about martyrs, of course

JESUS—the Head of the Christian Church

APOSTLES—followers of Jesus. They led the Early Church.

STEPHEN—the first Christian martyr
"Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. Lord, lay not this sin to their charge."

Nero—emperor of Rome:
extremely cruel
extremely wealthy

Early Church Fathers:
Ignatius—thrown to the lions
Polycarp—killed by fire and sword

Early Church Women Martyrs:
Perpetua—"A jug is a jug. I am a Christian!"
Blandina—weak but strong

Emperor Constantine—"Stop the persecution!"

Augustine—"That's heresy! Look at the truth!"