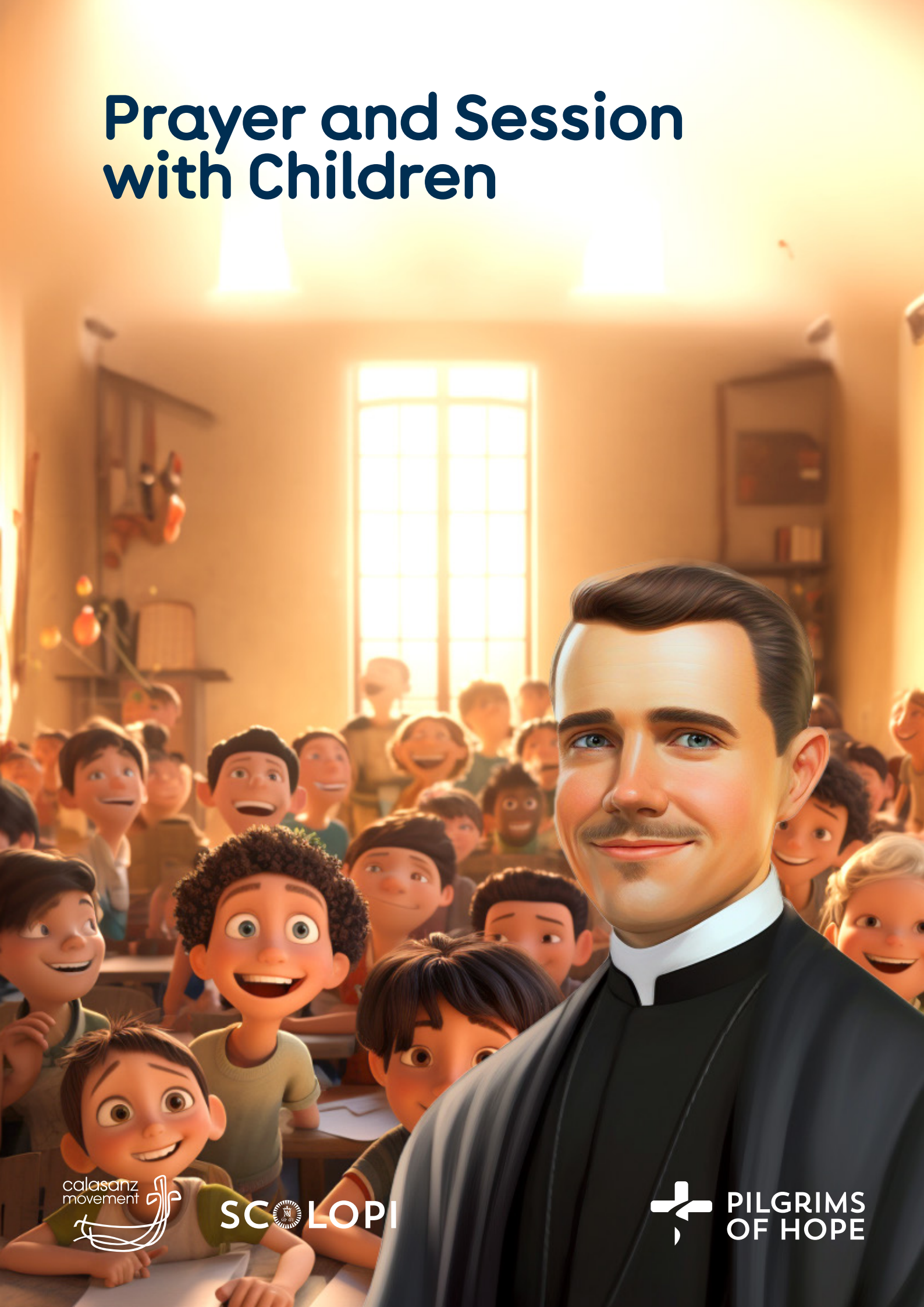


Prayer and Session with Children





intro

“Feast of the Vocation of Glicerio Landriani”

Milán, March 1, 1588 – Rome, February 15, 1618

Celebrating the Calasanz Movement Day together.
On May 31, 1612, Glicerio and five of his friends joined the Pious Schools.

The work that St. Joseph Calasanz had begun 15 years earlier with the poor children of Trastevere won Glicerio’s heart. His youthful enthusiasm and his desire to make the boys know Jesus, live the Gospel and love the Church made him a catechist and an apostle among the little ones.

Objective:

To foster in the children the importance of hope as a virtue or gift from God to walk through life and to be witnesses of his love in the style of Calasanz and Glicerio Landriani.

Children's Prayer

Pilgrims of Hope

Song to begin: Esta esperanza no nos defrauda.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2b4Mf_EUtc0

//Suffering produces perseverance,
perseverance character, character hope,
and this hope, it does not disappoint us, no,
it does not disappoint///

//Because God has poured his love into our
hearts
through the Holy Spirit that He has given
us////

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Read the following letter of St. Paul and St. Joseph of Calasanz. What calls our attention to HOPE? What does it invite us to? We offer it to God.

From St. Joseph Calasanz.

“It is necessary to keep up one’s spirits and fortify them with the hope of divine help, for it is a disdain of divine goodness and providences not to hope in it until the last. You have the goodness to encourage others in this true faith and hope in blessed God, for our things will go as God permits them to go.”

“As long as I have breath left in my mouth I will wait, with my hope set on God and not on men, for the work I did, I did only for His love.”

Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans (5, 1-5)

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access [by faith] to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God.

Not only that, but we even boast of our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, and endurance, proven character, and proven character, hope, and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us—the Word of the Lord.

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Become aware of the Word announced.

Every life is a sign of hope in our world; it is God’s commitment to humanity, to build a better world. Hope gives us the certainty that God is always acting, faith gives us confidence, clarity, vital connection with God and love mobilizes us, leads us to surrender, to service, to a happy life. These are gifts from God.

Write in the following footprint a prayer to Jesus where you tell him how you can be a sign of hope in our world today.

Let’s paste our footprints on a community poster or on a HOPE WAY.

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Concluding Song Pilgrims of Hope - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VU2GRDSsPJI>

If you want to fly, Meaning to love, Dreaming of a new world. There're so close to you Many like you, light that dispels all fear. Let's begin the journey, Travel light, no need for more. Peace, love, and joy, to walk along.

Pilgrims of hope With our eyes fixed on the Truth.

Renew our trust, And our flame will never go out. (x2)

God has his own plan, For each of us, Happiness full of meaning. Being a fraternity to give away the talents we received. He is the way, the Kingdom.

He's our destination. Walking side by side, No one's left behind.

Pilgrims of hope...

We're deeply touched by this World Filled with pain, filled with sadness.
It is the time to change, So get on your way.
It will never, it will never, will never go out...
(x4)

Pilgrims of hope...

Mi lugar es el sueño.... que soñó Calasanz
Mi lugar es el sueño... Mi lugar, Calasanz.
A session or meeting with the children.
Jesus and Calasanz invite me to be a PILGRIM OF HOPE.



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I am invited by Jesus and Calasanz to be a PILGRIM OF HOPE

Activity 01 - Warm up to walk in hope:

We begin with an integration game to activate our bodies, warm up, and prepare for our journey of hope. Game: The Rock of the Christian (with this song, you move the different parts of the body as they are mentioned, dancing rock and roll).

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IdIaYls-j2kw&ab_channel=SOCOYOTITOS

I have one hand and I can't move it,
I have another hand and I can't move it
and I move them, because Christ saved me;
if I move my hands, it's to praise God.

I have one foot... I have one knee... I have
one hip... I have one elbow... I have one elbow...

I have an elbow... I have a shoulder... I have
a head... I have a body... I have a body... I
have a shoulder... I have a head... I have a
body...

Activity 02 - Let's look for the treasure of God's virtues: faith, hope and love:

a. To learn.

Hope is a theological virtue, or gift of God, that gives us light to guide our steps in the midst of the shadows of this world; it is strength that lifts us up when trials seem to crush us; it is encouragement that drives us forward. Hope is not a lie or an illusion or an empty dream, but the firm desire to attain the promises of God, which are true and always faithful.

Jesus, our Master, taught us to place our hope not in earthly things, which are fleeting, but in God, who is eternal. He showed us the way of hope by walking this earth with courage even in suffering, loving every person and at all times. In Jesus we find the perfect model of hope, for he never wavered, never gave up, always trusted in the will of his Father. Thus, we, like his disciples, must walk with that hope that does not disappoint, trusting fully that, although our path is full of difficulties, God is always at work, even in silence and in spite of us.

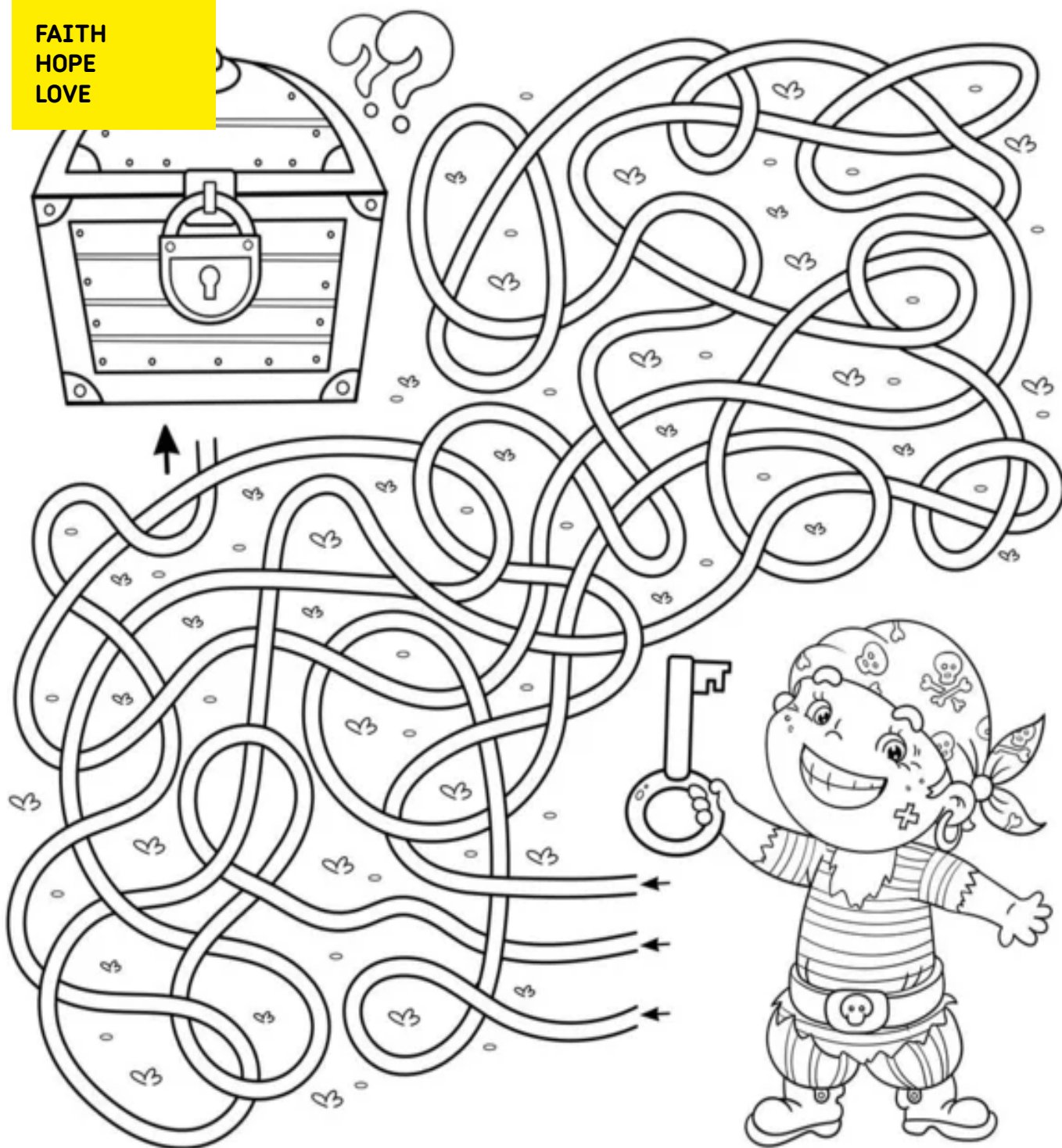
Hope, as a treasure or gift from God, is nourished by faith and is alive and faithful thanks to love. If faith is the light that illuminates the path, hope is what gives us the strength to travel it, and love is the dynamism or gear that makes everything possible. This virtue is not passive, but requires our constant cooperation.

Labyrinth of God's treasures.

Paco the pirate wants to find God's treasure with his 3 gifts or virtues, FAITH, HOPE and LOVE. Walk with him, color the picture, I find the right path of the labyrinth.

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**FAITH
HOPE
LOVE**



Activity 03:

Color LUCE and his friends, mascots of the Jubilee Year 2025. Write around him: How can you be LIGHT for others in the midst of darkness? How can you be a WITNESS OF HOPE?



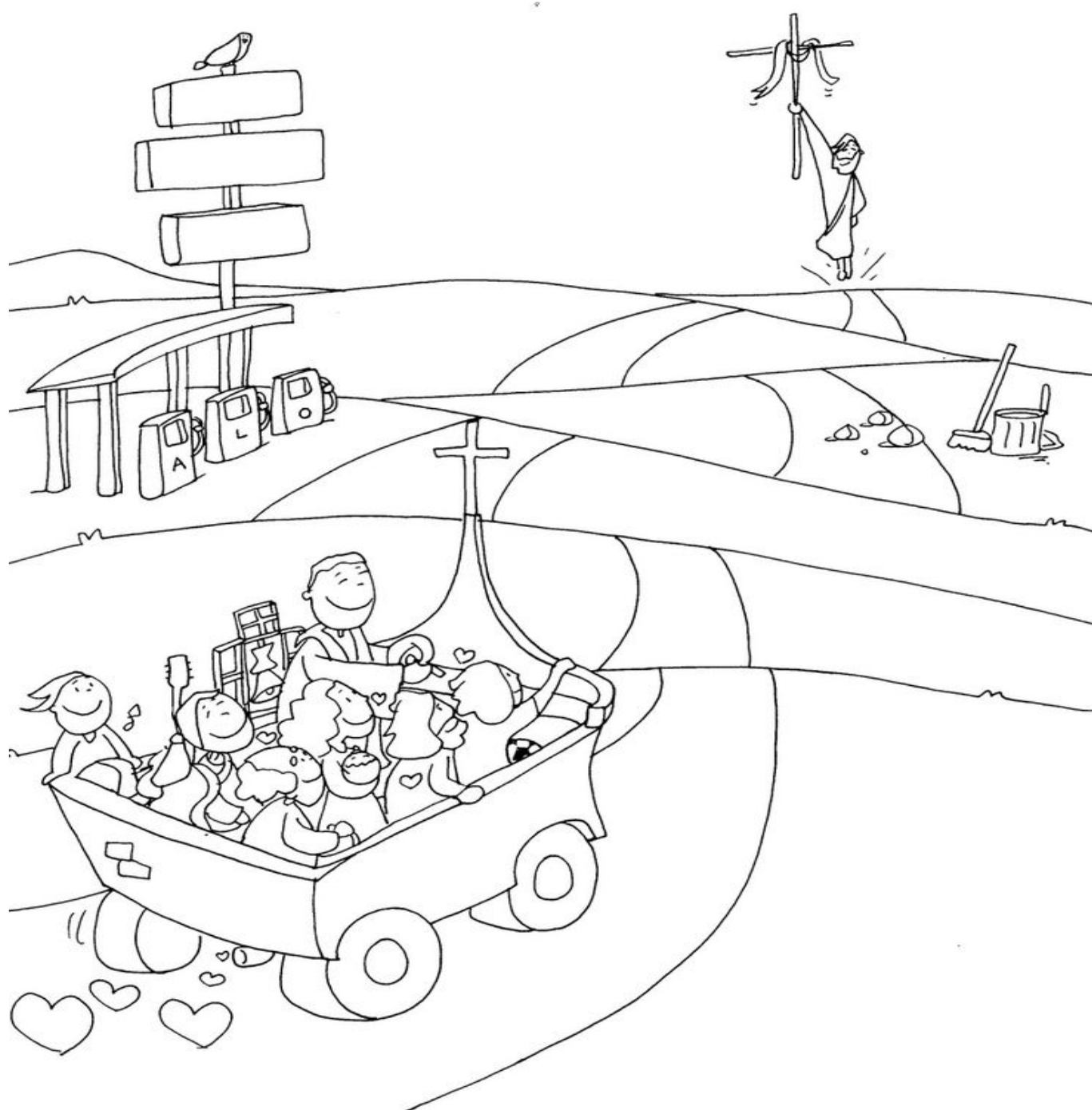
Activity 04:

When we are pilgrims of hope, it is better to set out on the road with others, to be accompanied so that the journey is pleasant and light. Walking in hope also has its obstacles that want to darken life, to take away our hope.

Color the drawing.

Write on the cart what helps you to take care of hope in your life.

Write on the road the obstacles or obscurities that take away your hope.



Final challenge – Glicerio Landriani's Challenge:

Choose an activity that gives a spark of hope to someone close to you. You can give a sweet hug to someone who is sad. With your little group from Movimiento Calasanz, you can gather a market for a family. You can also write a letter to a relative and thank them for their love. In short, choose an action of hope and do it. Courage!

