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WORLD DAY OF GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY
JULY 25, 2021



FESTIVAL OF CREATIVITY

This is a collection of coloring pages, with words of Pope Francis on the covenant between generations. Take a look and then let your imagination kick in! Color one of these images, create a completely original work of art, or write a poem or piece of prose about an aging experience of your own.

Send your work to serenity@LittleSistersofthePoor.org by July 20, 2021, for inclusion in an online exhibit, our FESTIVAL OF CREATIVITY.

This is not a contest, but a celebration. Contributors will receive a small token of appreciation.

Deadline: July 20, 2021

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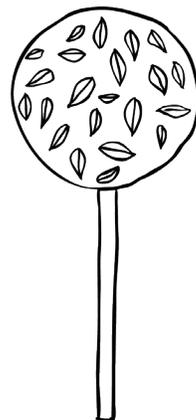
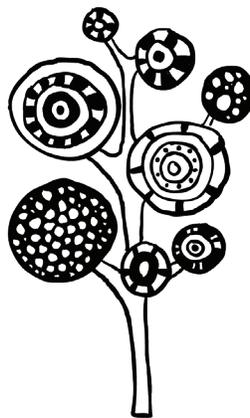
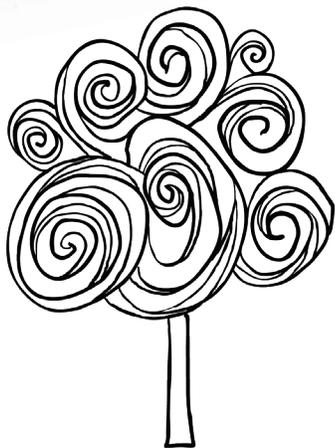
"I am with you always."



That is the meaning of this Day, which I wanted to celebrate for the first time in this particular year, as a long period of isolation ends and social life slowly resumes.

*May every grandfather,
every grandmother,
every older person,
especially those among us
who are most alone,
receive the visit of an angel!*

POPE FRANCIS



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**Think about it: what is our vocation today, at our age?
To preserve our roots, to pass on the faith to the young
and to care for the little ones. Never forget this.**

Pope Francis

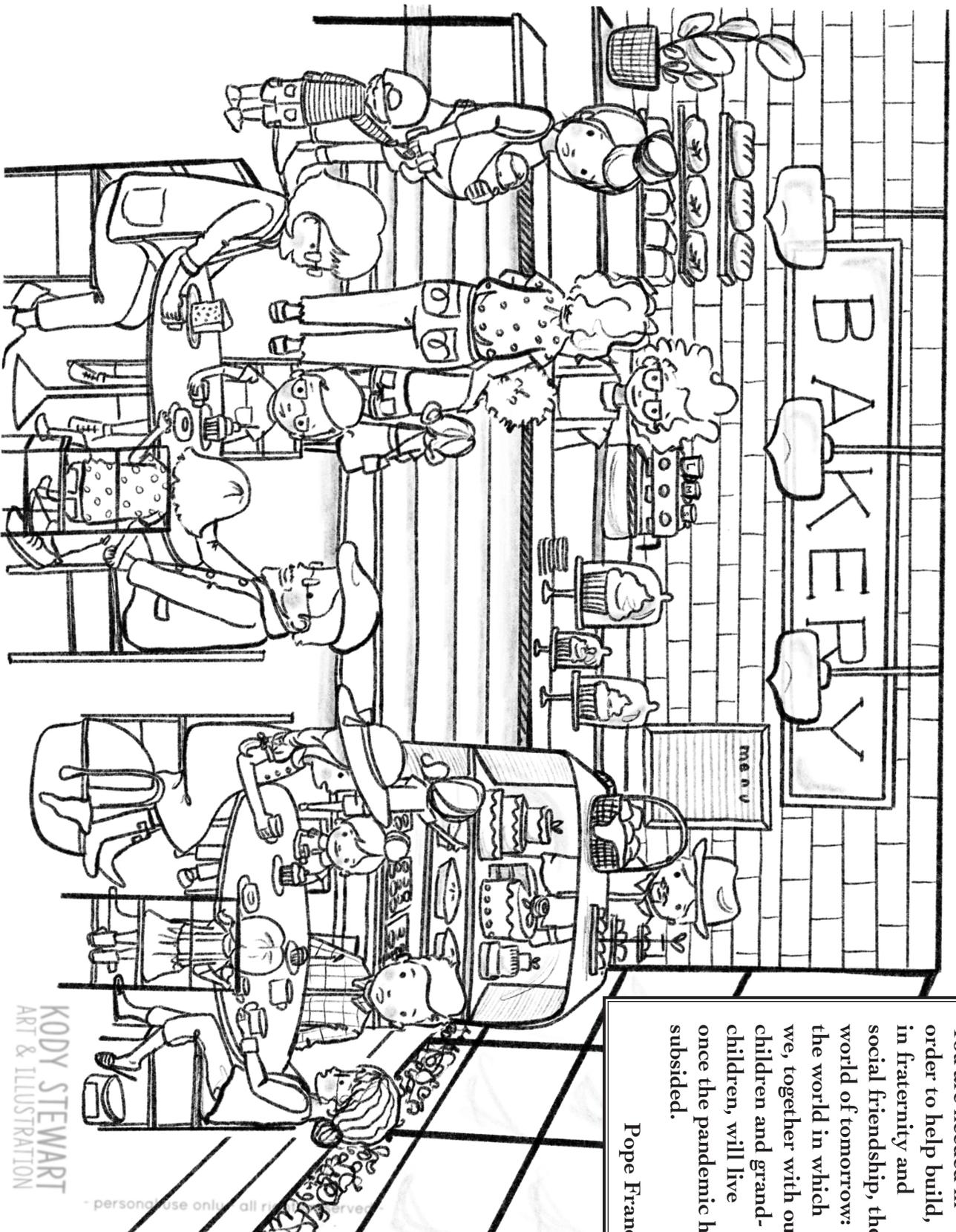
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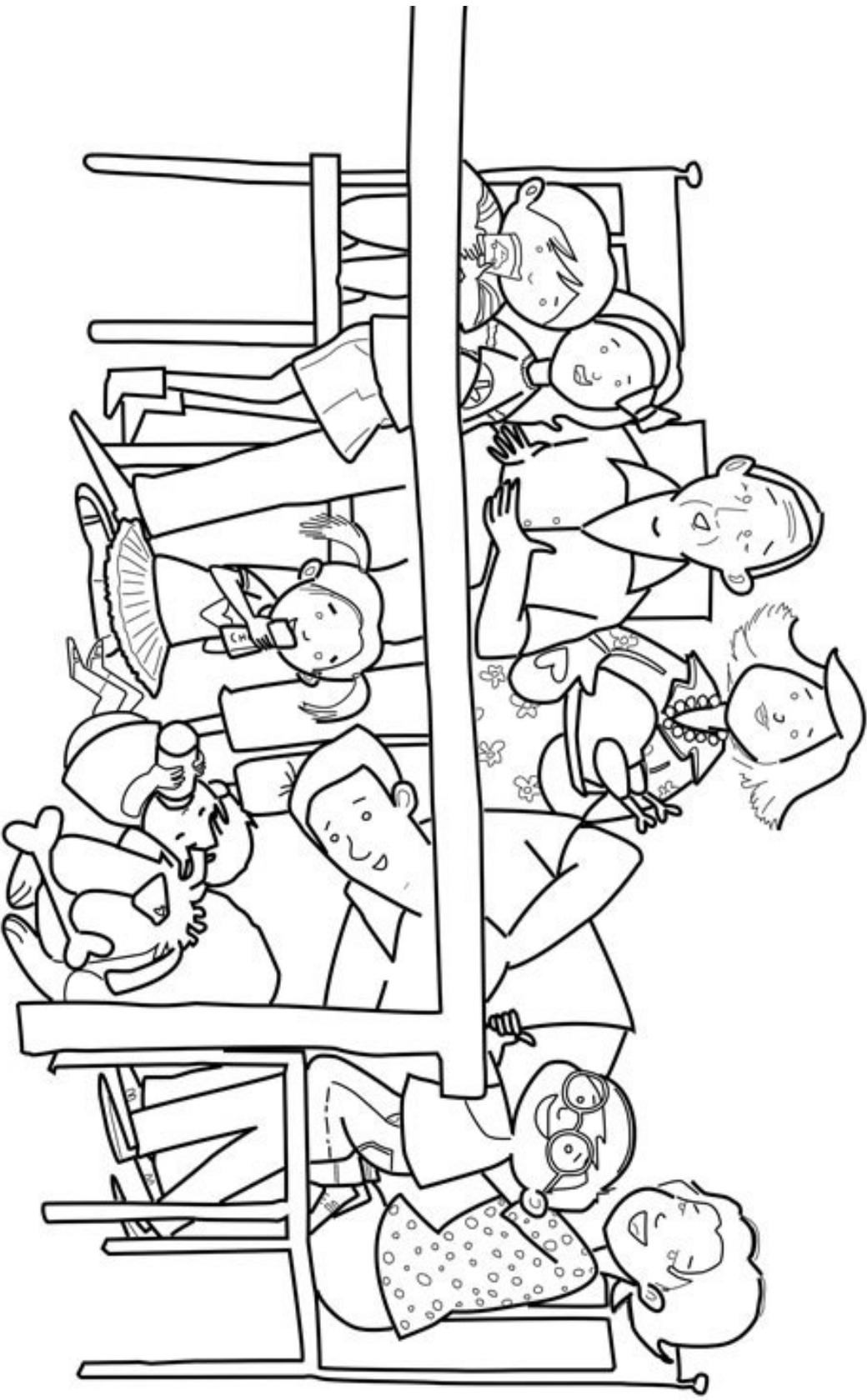
You are needed in order to help build, in fraternity and social friendship, the world of tomorrow: the world in which we, together with our children and grandchildren, will live once the pandemic has subsided.

Pope Francis

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ART & ILLUSTRATION

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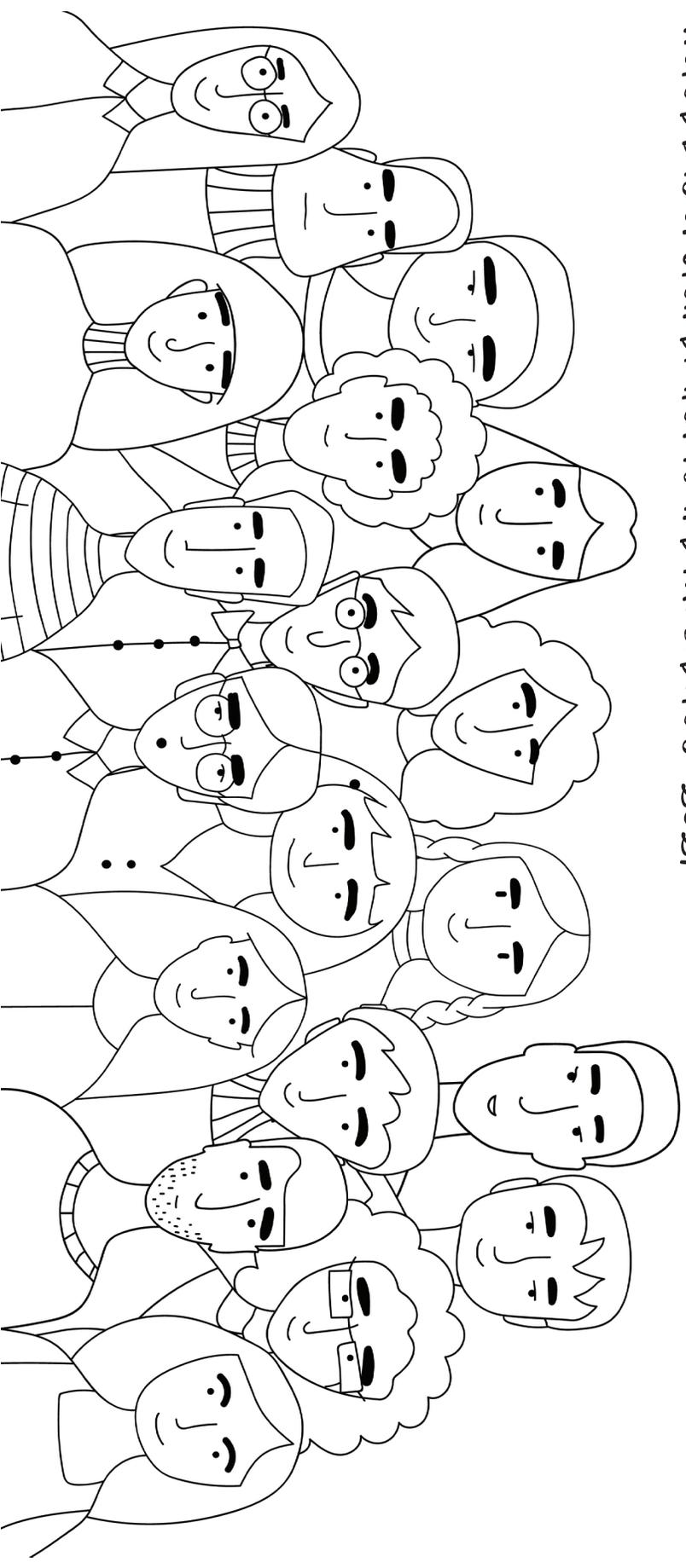


Listening to the elderly tell their stories is good for children and young people; it makes them feel connected to the living history of their families, their neighborhoods and their country...

A family that remembers has a future.

Pope Francis

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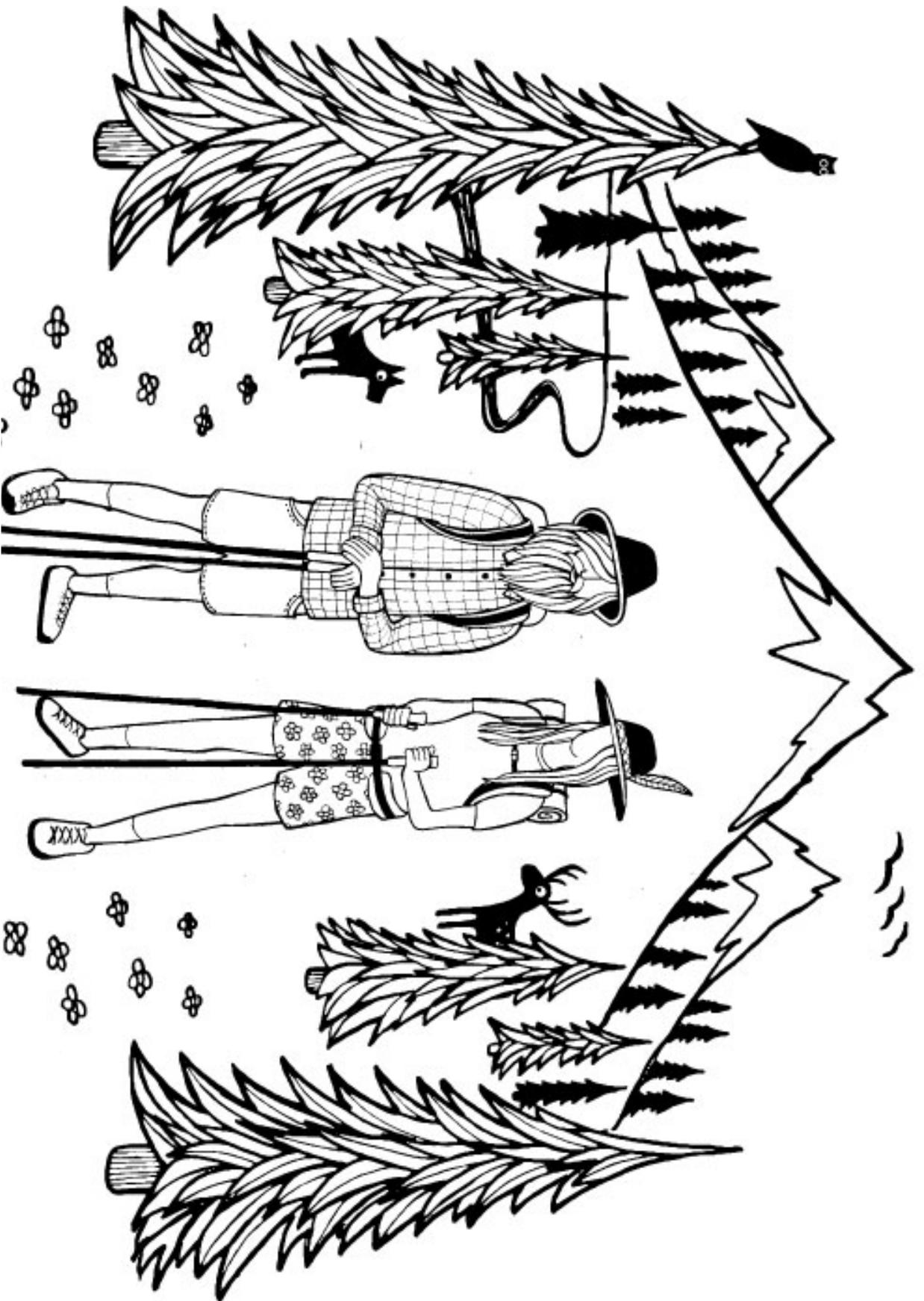


*It's good for the elderly to communicate their wisdom to the young;
and it's good for the young people to gather this wealth of experience and wisdom,
and to carry it forward, not so as to safeguard it in a museum,
but to carry it forward addressing the challenges that life brings.*



There is no future without encounter between the old and the young.
There is no growth without roots and no flowering without new buds.

Pope Francis



To walk toward the future, the past is needed;
deep roots are needed to help live the present and its challenges.
Memory is needed, courage is needed, a healthy vision of the future is needed. Pope Francis



WE NEED GRANDPARENTS WHO DREAM! THEY WILL BE ABLE TO INSPIRE
YOUNG PEOPLE TO MOVE FORWARD CREATIVELY AS THEY ENVISION A FUTURE.

POPE FRANCIS

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It pains me to see young people sometimes being encouraged to build a future without roots, as if the world were just starting now.

IT IS IMPOSSIBLE

FOR US TO GROW

UNLESS WE HAVE STRONG ROOTS

TO SUPPORT US AND TO KEEP US

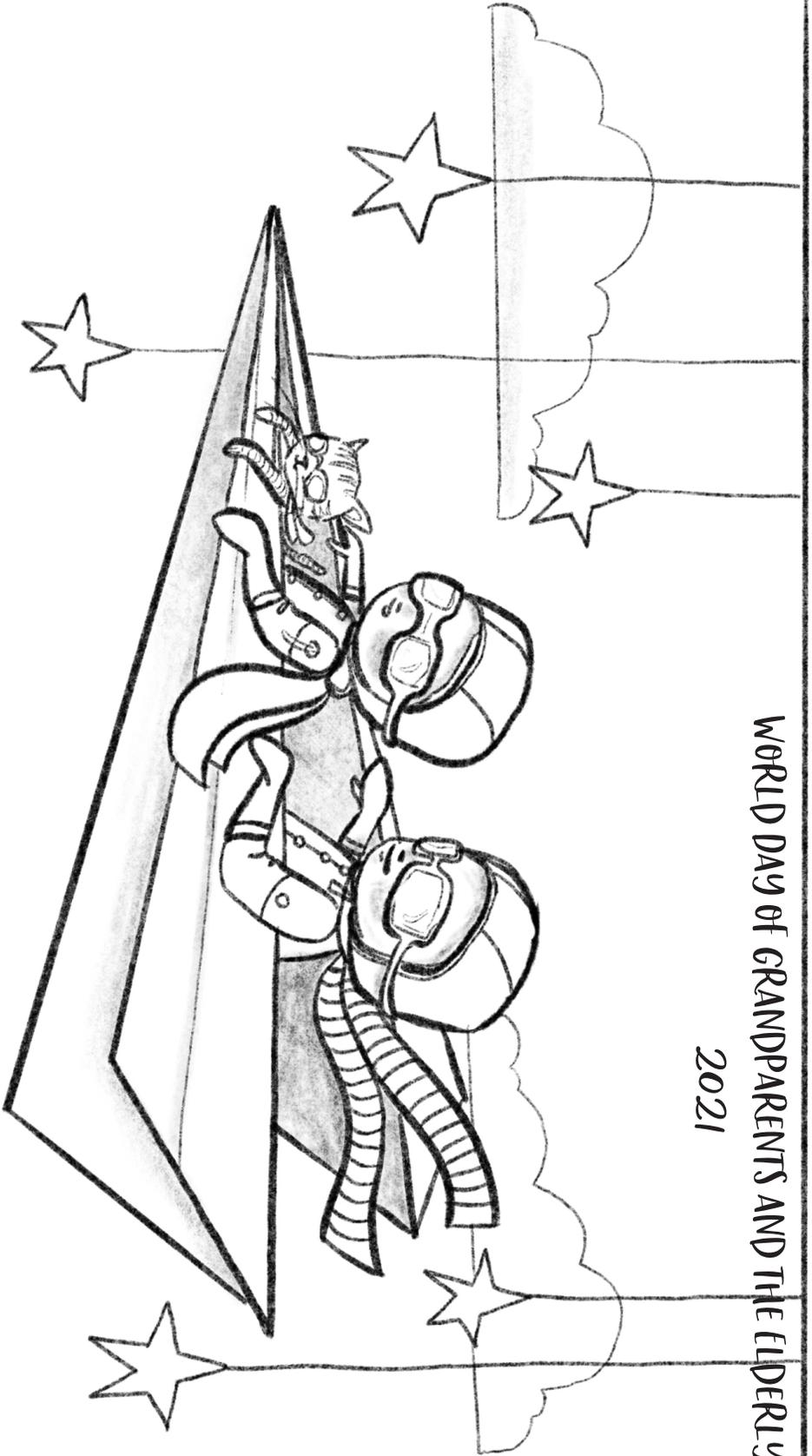
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It is easy to drift off, when there is nothing to clutch onto, to hold onto.

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I ask young people to listen to and bond with their elders.

I ask them to look up at the stars.

I ask that they dream of a better world

and let that dream inspire and energize them.

Pope Francis

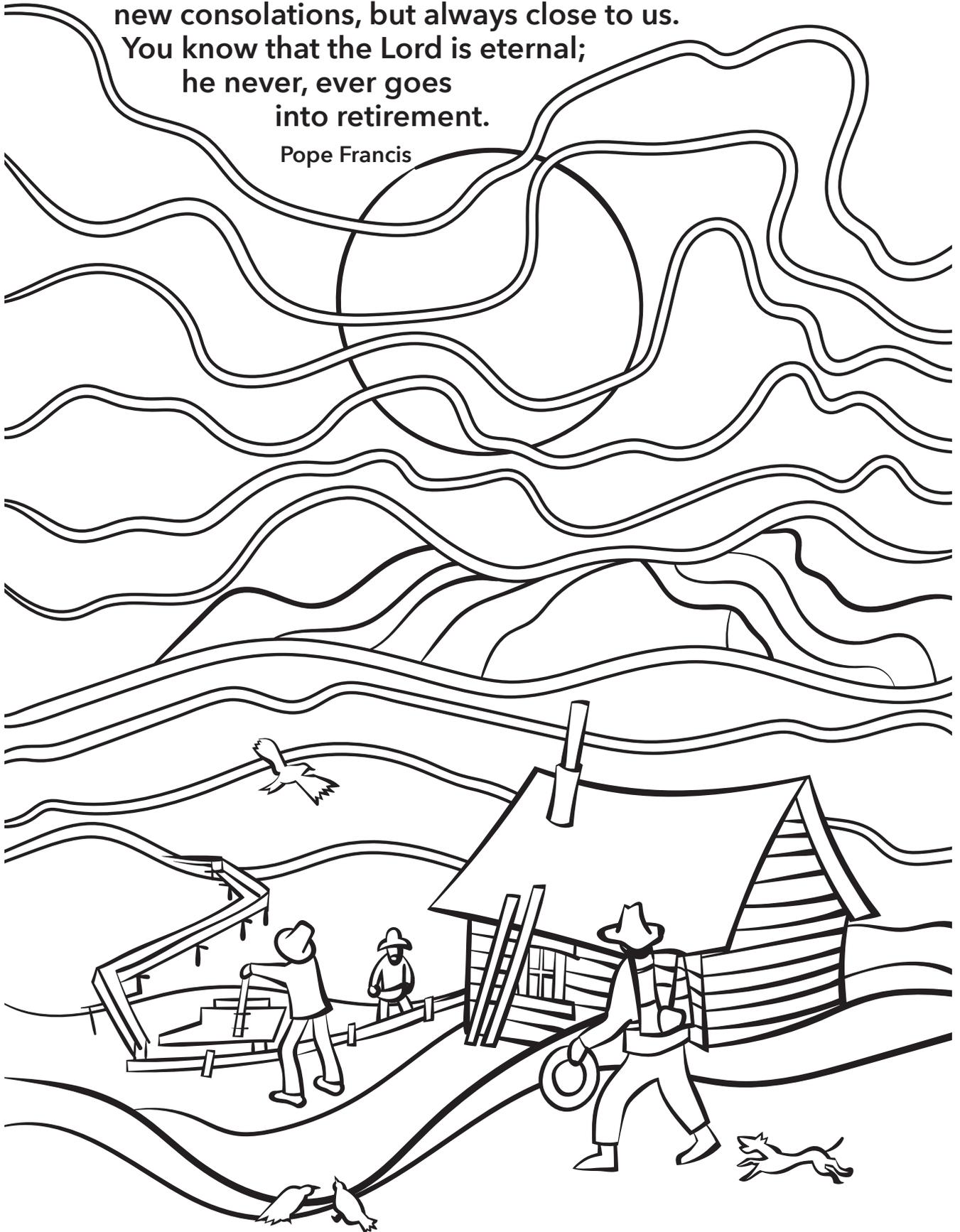
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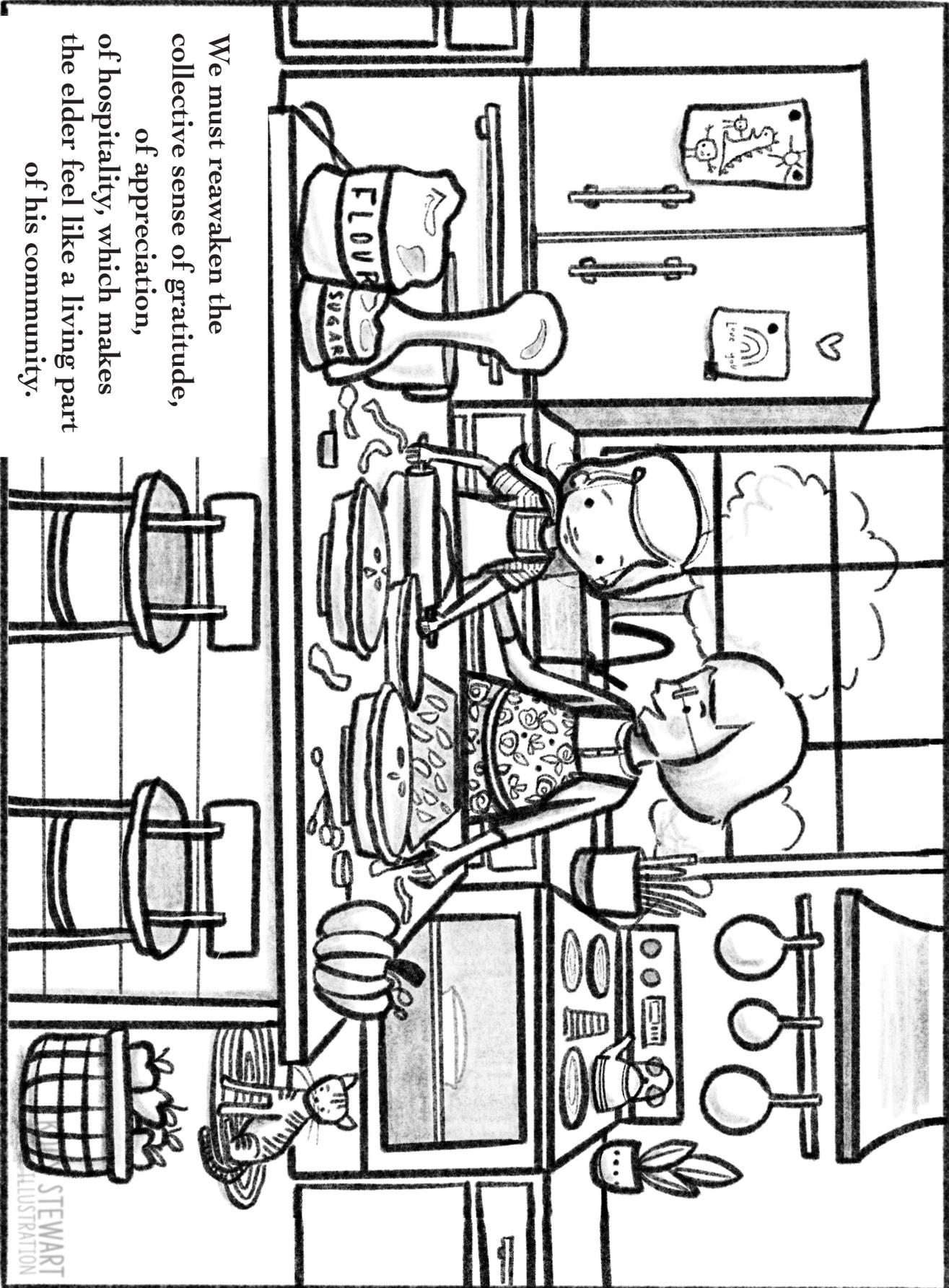
In every season of life, he continues to send
laborers into his vineyard...

The Lord is always close to us with new possibilities, new ideas,
new consolations, but always close to us.

You know that the Lord is eternal;
he never, ever goes
into retirement.

Pope Francis





We must reawaken the collective sense of gratitude, of appreciation, of hospitality, which makes the elder feel like a living part of his community.

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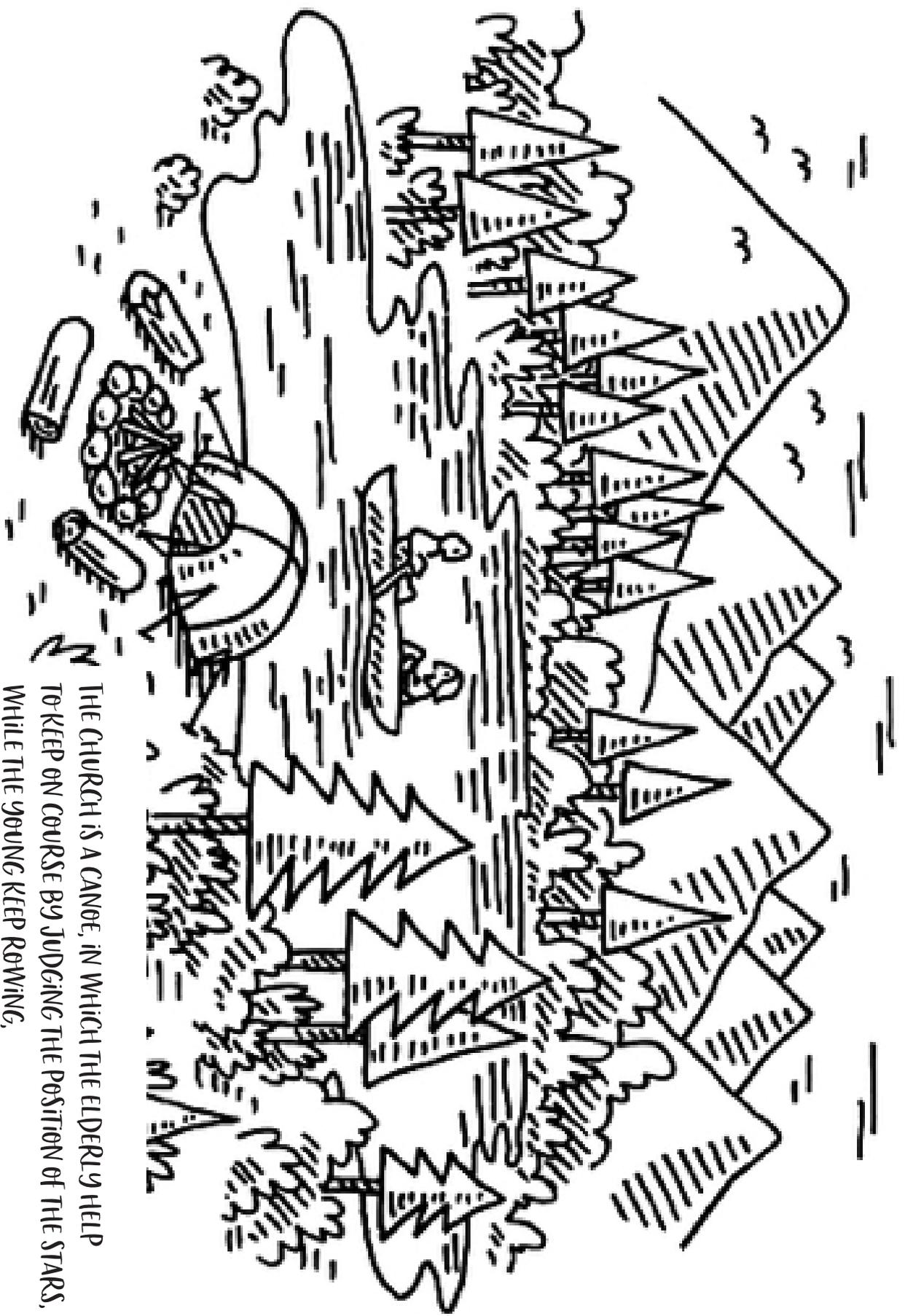
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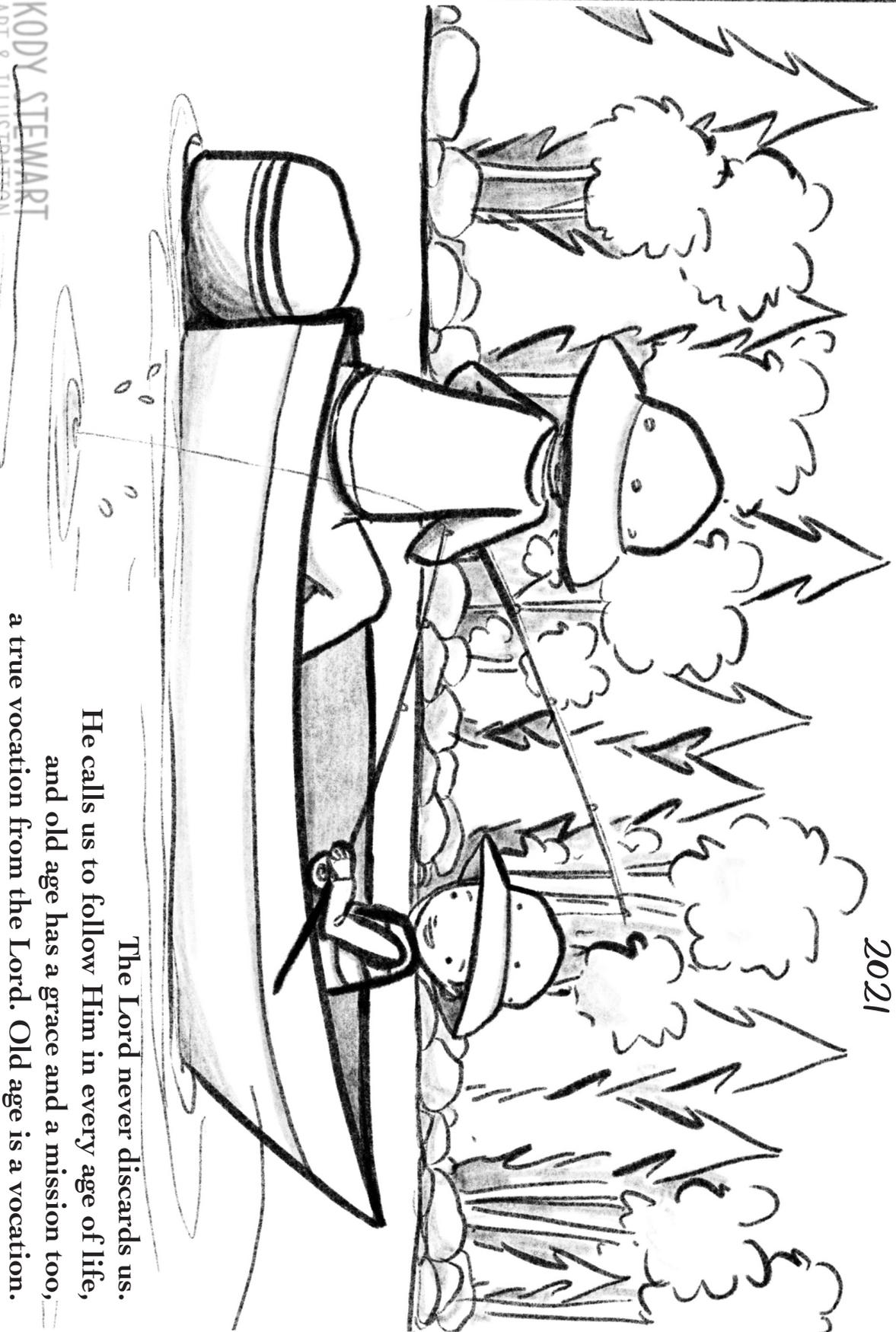


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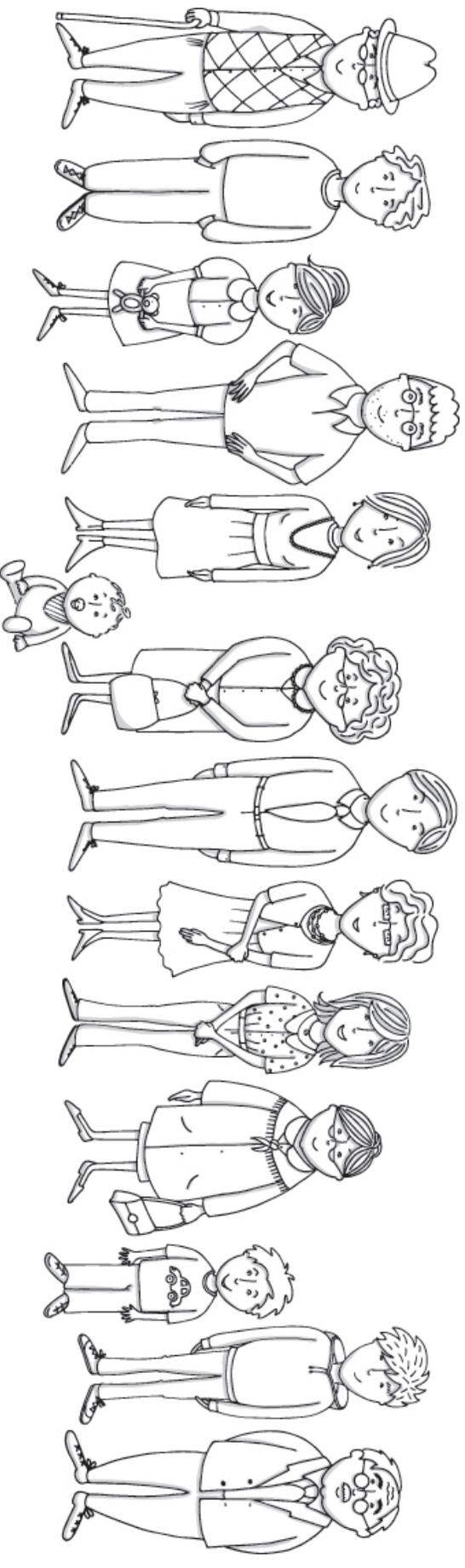
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The Lord never discards us.
He calls us to follow Him in every age of life,
and old age has a grace and a mission too,
a true vocation from the Lord. Old age is a vocation.
It is not yet time to “pull in the oars.”

Pope Francis

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THE QUALITY OF A SOCIETY IS
JUDGED BY HOW IT TREATS
ELDERLY PEOPLE AND BY
THE PLACE IT GIVES THEM.

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THE ELDERLY ARE
THE RESERVOIR OF WISDOM
FOR OUR PEOPLE!

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The future of the world
depends on this covenant
between young and old.
Who, if not the young,
can take the dreams of the
elderly and make them
come true?

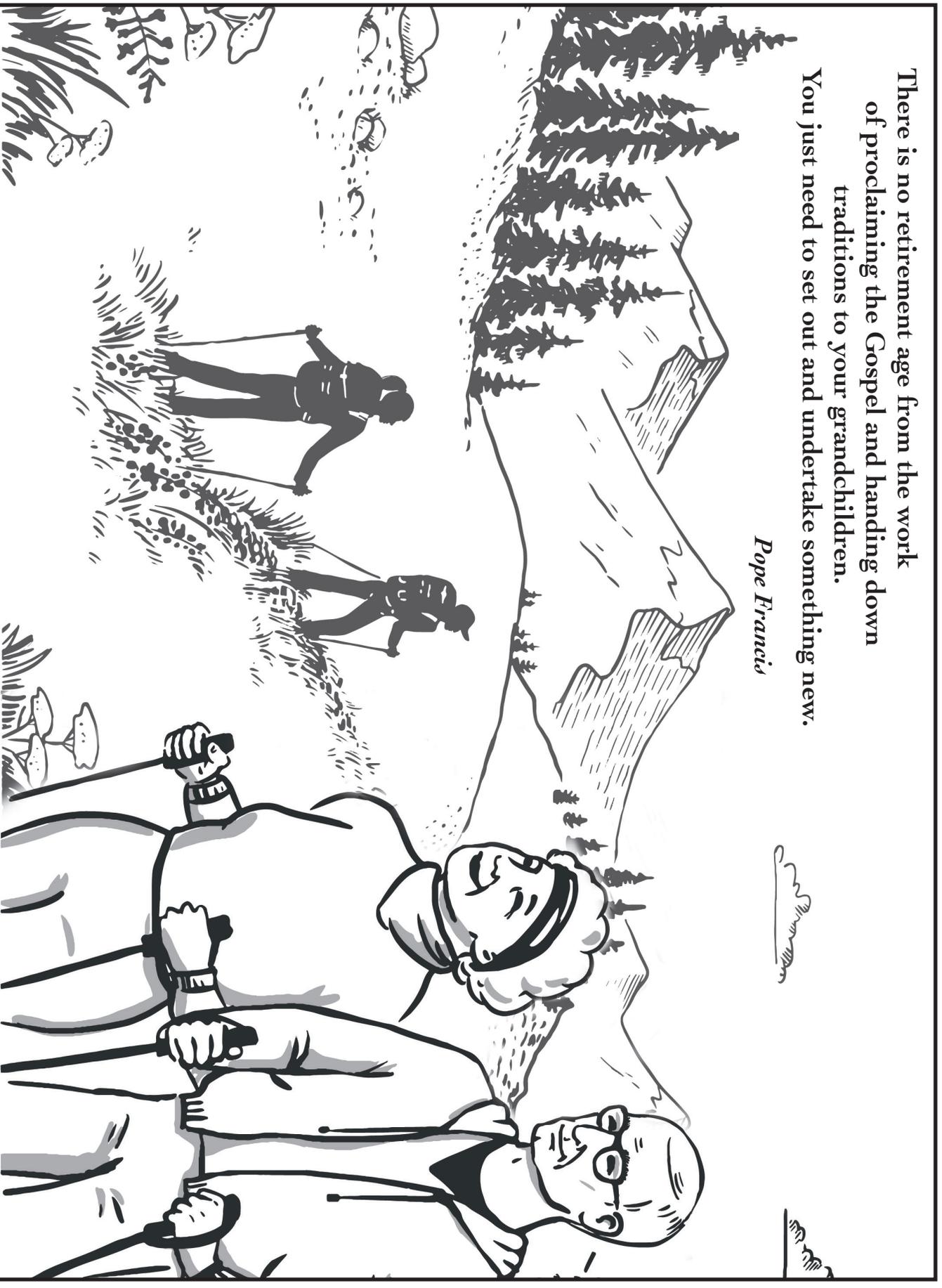
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There is no retirement age from the work
of proclaiming the Gospel and handing down
traditions to your grandchildren.
You just need to set out and undertake something new.

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