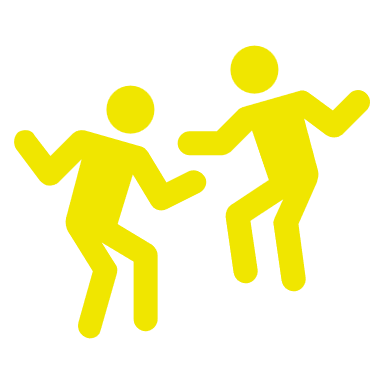
**Jubilee Year 2025: Pilgrims of Hope**

***We can lead this too*!**

Celebration of the word for primary schools

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**Theme:** Jubilee Year, hope

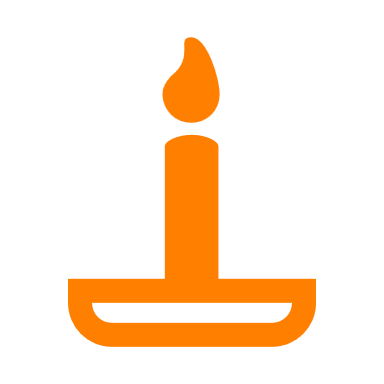
**Purpose**: For children to learn about and celebrate the Jubilee Year as Pilgrims of Hope - Pope Francis asked us to celebrate this Jubilee year with deep faith, lively hope, and active charity

**Materials required**: Accompanying PowerPoint, copy of prayers/script for readers

**Suggested choice of hymns**:

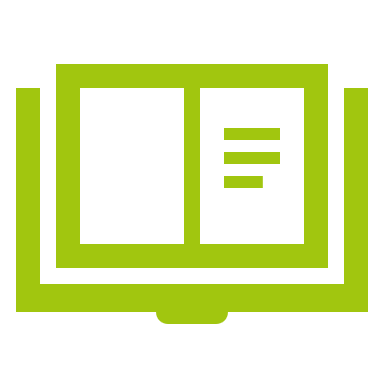
* God’s Spirit is in my heart (Complete celebration of hymns old and new: 99)
* Joy/hope is flowing like a river (Complete celebration of hymns old and new: 254)
* Walk with me, O my Lord (Complete celebration of hymns old and new: 340)

**Time allocation:** 20 minutes

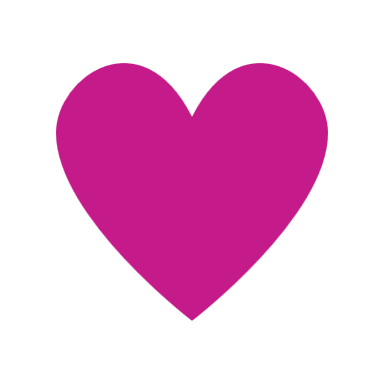


***Gather:*** *We come together as part of God’s family*

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| **Slide** | **Script** |
|  | **Reader:** In the name of the +Father, and of the +Son, and of the +Holy Spirit Amen.  **Reader:** Today is our launch of the Jubilee Year which Pope Francis has called all of us to celebrate in 2025. The theme of this year is ‘Pilgrims of hope’.  The Bible tells us that **Hope** does not disappoint, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us” (*Rom*5:1-2.5). What kind of things do you hope for? What do you hope to be when you grow up? What do you hope the world will be like in the future?  Let us watch this short video about it.  **Reader(s):** Look at the logo on the screen. Which symbols can you see? What do you think they could mean?   * **The cross**: The large cross at the centre reminds us of Jesus, and is a symbol of faith and hope. * **The people**: The four figures represent all people on earth. Their arms are around each other to show solidarity and friendship, and that we should be one, united global family. * **The waves**: The flowing waves symbolise our pilgrimage together and that life’s journey is not always smooth, sometimes the journey can be rough and challenging * **The anchor**: The anchor is a symbol of hope. It steadies ships during storms and rough weather   **Reader:** Pope Francis has asked us to celebrate this year with a deep faith, lively hope and active charity. This means he wants each one of us to celebrate this year by trusting in God, looking forward with hope, and showing love to others through kind and caring actions |

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Gather:*** *God speaks to us, and we listen*

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| **Slide** | **Script (Luke 4: 16-)** |
|  | **Reader: *[Choose to read either the extended version, or the short version which is in bold.]***  Then Jesus went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath he went as usual to the synagogue. He stood up to read the Scriptures and was handed the book of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it is written,  **“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,     because he has chosen me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives     and recovery of sight to the blind, to set free the oppressed    and announce that the time has come     when the Lord will save his people.”**  Jesus rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. All the people in the synagogue had their eyes fixed on him, as he said to them, “This passage of scripture has come true today, as you heard it being read.”  They were all well impressed with him and marvelled at the eloquent words that he spoke. They said, “Isn't he the son of Joseph?”  The Gospel of the Lord.  *All: Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.* |

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***Respond:*** *We respond to the Word of God*

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| **Slide** | **Script** |
|  | You may like to spend some time in sacred silence…  **Reader:** Jesus makes it clear that his mission is to bring the justice and freedom of the Jubilee. Inspired by his example, we can share in his mission to create a world of justice, peace and love.  Can you remember how Jesus did this? You may want to look at the words from the Gospel as a reminder.  We are now going to listen to story about hope in Kenya. |
|  | **Reader:** Chirri (dressed in blue) lives in Kenya with her mother, father and four brothers and sisters. Chirri’s mother, Khera, belongs to the Glitter Group.  The Glitter Group is a club of woman from the local community who help each other with lots of things, but particularly when times are tough. |
|  | **Reader:** Severe drought in Kenya has meant water is scarce, with not enough for people, crops or livestock. Animals people had used to make their living with were dying.  Chirri remembers this time. She said: “There was no rain for years. Finding any water was very difficult.”  With no way to make a living, Chirri’s parents struggled to buy food for Chirri and her brothers and sisters, and the things they needed for school. |
|  | **Reader:** With CAFOD’s help, Khera and the women at the Glitter Group were given some chickens to help them make a living. Chickens don’t depend on water and pasture in the same way cows do.  The women at the Glitter Group learned how to look after the chickens. |
|  | **Reader:** Keeping chickens means that Khera can sell the eggs, or a chicken, to get money to buy food, soap and clothes. It can also buy things for school. |
|  | **Reader:** Khera says the community has hope for the future. If another drought comes, the chickens are hardy. The money raised from the chickens means the community can plan for the future.  Khera says:  “Unity is strength. Let’s pull together to inspire. Let’s pull together to be strong.” |

***Send:*** *We want to share the Good News!*

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| **Slide** | **Script** |
|  | **Reader:** What can we do to celebrate this Jubilee Year with a deep faith, lively hope and active charity?  **Reader(s):**  [order a Pilgrims of Hope map from shop.cafod.org.uk]  By joining together with millions of others in this Jubilee Year, we can help to share the light of hope and the message of God’s love.  Let’s use our Pilgrims of Hope map on our journey. We can mark off the actions we take, such as:   * Praying together * Learning about the world around us and raising awareness * Taking action through fundraising for CAFOD * Pledging as a whole school to build a better world. |
|  | **Reader:** Let us pray together to God - the Father, Son and Spirit - who loves and cares for each one of us:  **Jubilee prayer for schools**  God, our loving Father,  In this Jubilee year,  you remind us of our call to love creation.  Help us to work together  to replant, repair, and renew.  Guide us on our journey as pilgrims of hope.  Jesus, our light,  In this Jubilee year,  you remind us of our call to love our neighbours  and to set free those who suffer.  Help us to treat everyone with dignity;  to be fair, forgiving and kind.  Guide us on our journey as pilgrims of hope.  Holy Spirit, our inspiration,  In this Jubilee year, you remind us of our call to grow in faith and love.  Help us to hear you in scripture, to see Jesus in others,  and to be united as God’s global family.  Guide us on our journey as pilgrims of hope.  Amen |
|  | Let’s try hard to make this Jubilee Year 2025 a really special one where we can grow in hope, faith and love.  Thank you. |