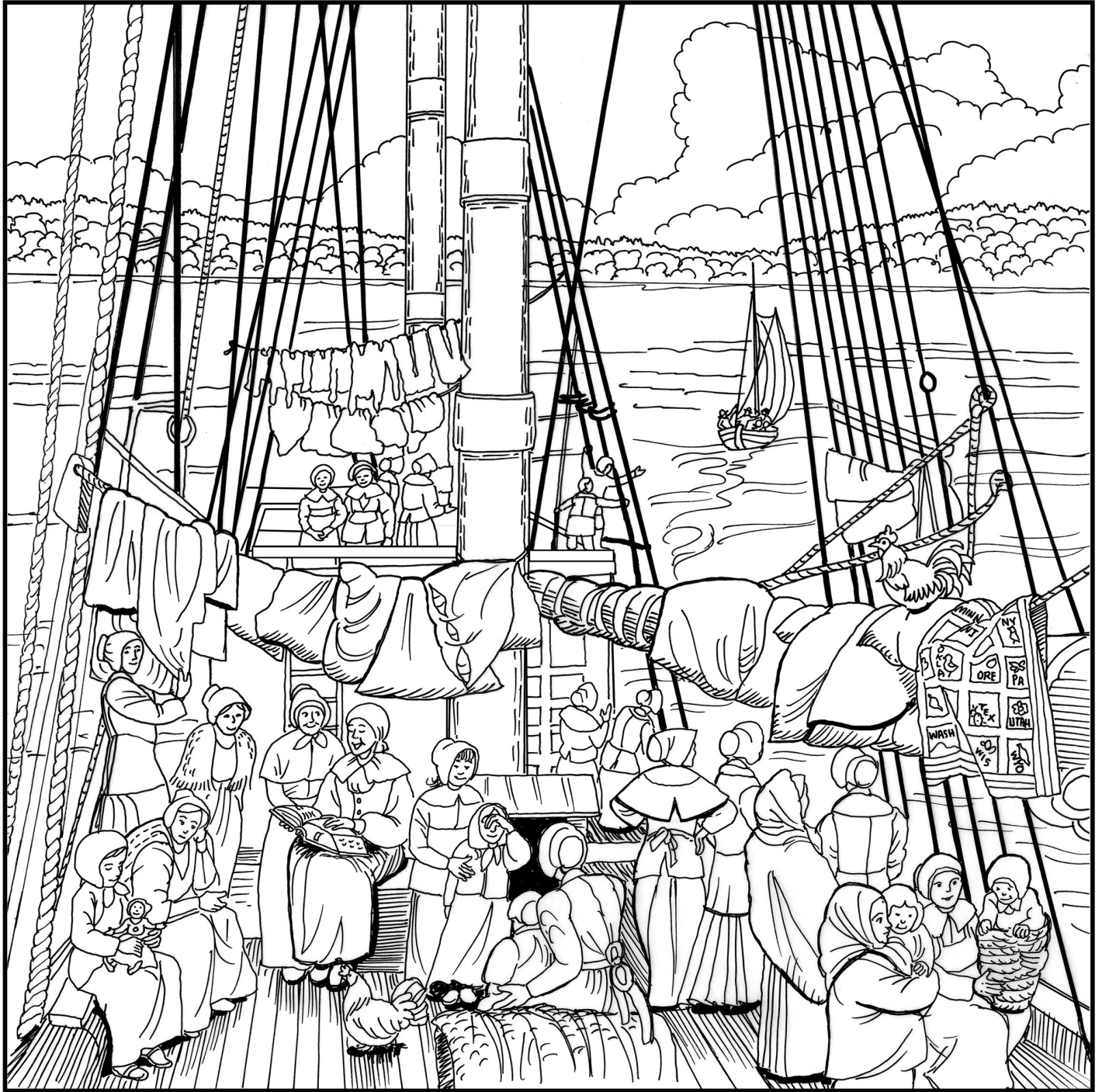


# THE MAYFLOWER ARRIVES IN AMERICA



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

2020 marks the 400th Anniversary of the sailing of The Pilgrim Fathers to America aboard 'The Mayflower'.

A Christian Friend from Seattle, America is painting a picture for us at the Christian Heritage Centre, and has sent this line drawing for us to use in this colouring competition.

She sends a few comments about the picture:

*The scene shows the 18 women who sailed on the Mayflower voyage and half a dozen children. The shallop has just embarked toward the shore of Plymouth with men on board. Paintings of the Mayflower landing that show women among the first to go ashore are idealized and incorrect. The women and children remained on the Mayflower for the winter, 4 months, while the men built homes and shelters.*

*The painting shows what I imagine must certainly have been the first order of business among 18 women after sailing from England for 67 days in rough seas in autumn weather. That first November day at anchor in the bay was sunny, history tells us. What better business than to haul on deck all the damp feather bedding and blankets and air them on the rigging? And throw in a little washing on the line. A woman reads from the Bible as the others sing along, or gaze out at the gallant boat heading toward the promised land.*

*There are two chickens in the scene. The Mayflower settlers brought "Dorking" chickens with them.*

*A deliberate anachronism is the quilt on the boom in the far right. Quilting colourful blankets did not develop until later in history in America. But I added a celebrated quilt made by a lady in New Mexico that has all 50 states and their state birds and flowers.*

Anita Griffin (June 2020)

Please make sure you put your name, age and address on the back of the colouring sheet, and send your entry to:

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Winners will be notified, and their names published on the website