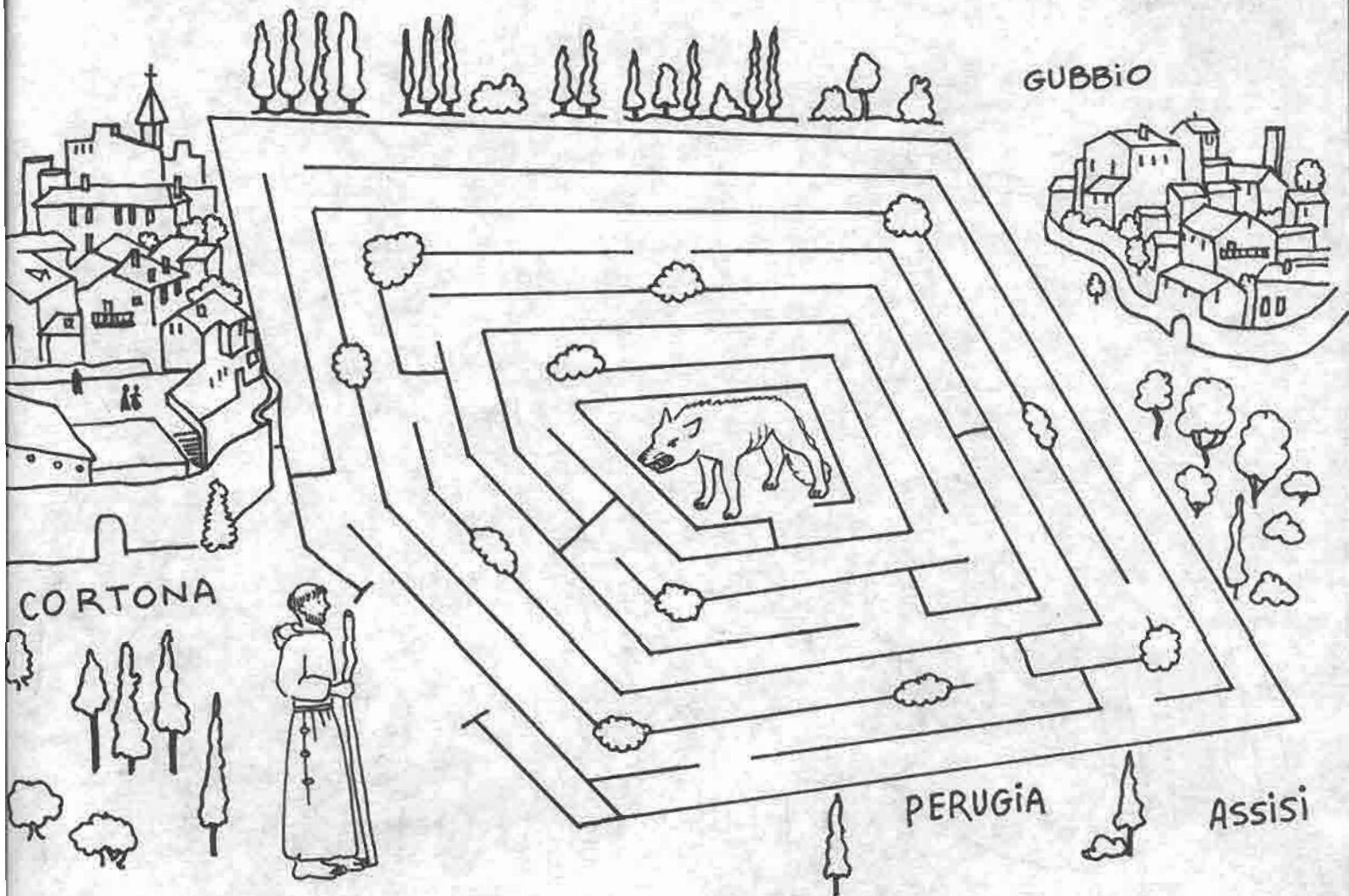


St. Francis of Assisi



The son of a rich merchant, St. Francis became a soldier to find adventure and glory. At twenty, he was captured and became ill in prison. Francis had lots of time to think. He learned that God wanted him to live in a new way. When he was freed, Francis gave all his things back to his father. He began to beg for what he needed. At the same time, Francis saw God's love everywhere. Francis sang about the beauty of the sun, moon, trees, flowers, the rivers and oceans. He said that animals were like our brothers and sisters —

all part of God's big family. Once a big wolf attacked people near the village of Gubbio. The people were terrified. Francis went to Gubbio to find the wolf and make peace with him. The villagers fed and cared for the peaceful wolf until he died.



Activities:

1. Draw a line to help St. Francis find the shortest path to reach the wolf.
2. Pretend you are Francis . . . or the wolf of Gubbio. What does Francis say to make peace between "Brother Wolf" and the people of Gubbio? What does the wolf say?