

The Acmar Soul Miner
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It All Started with George Washington



The Inauguration of George Washington as the first President of the United States, April 30, 1789, at the Old City Hall, New York. Washington used The Holy Bible from St. John's Masonic Lodge. Print: No. 1 by Currier and Ives / Getty Images

Many of Washington's successors have used his Bible: Warren G. Harding, Dwight D. Eisenhower, Jimmy Carter, and George H.W. Bush. Some of them also used a family Bible. Eisenhower also used his "West Point" Bible.

While the Washington Bible has been a popular pick throughout history, it is unknown which Bible many of the nation's early presidents used. That information has not always been listed on inauguration records.

Abraham Lincoln arrived in Washington D.C. for his inauguration on March 4, 1861. His belongings, including his Bible, had not arrived. William Thomas Carroll, clerk of the U.S. Supreme Court, fetched a Bible that he kept for office use. This became the Lincoln Bible.

On January 20, 2009 President Obama was the first president after Lincoln to use it. For his second inauguration in 2013, he also used a Bible belonging to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

In 2017, Donald Trump used the Lincoln Bible (in a protective box) and a Bible his mother gave him in 1955 just before his 9th birthday.

On Wednesday, January 20, 1965, Lady Bird Johnson founded a new tradition as the first incoming first lady to hold the Bible for her husband while he took the oath of office.

On January 20, 2021, President Joe Biden used a Bible in his family since 1893. He used it when sworn in as a U.S. Senator and for U.S. Vice President in 2013. The Bible, which is five inches thick with a Celtic cross on the cover, was held by his wife, Dr. Jill Biden.

As Joseph Robinette Biden, Jr. placed his left hand on the Bible and lifted his right hand, Chief Justice John Roberts led him in the oath:

"I, Joseph Robinette Biden, Jr., do solemnly swear that I will faithfully execute the Office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States. So help me God."

For inauguration as Vice-President, Kamala Harris chose two Bibles. One previously belonged to Mrs. Regina Shelton, who was like a second mother to Harris and her sister Maya. The second Bible belonged to the late civil rights leader and Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall who inspired Harris' career.

Kamala Devi Harris placed her left hand on the Bibles, held by her husband Douglas Emhoff, and raised her right hand. Associate Chief Justice Sonia Sotomayor led Harris in the oath of office of Vice President of the United States:

"I, Kamala Devi Harris, do solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God."

Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD.
(Psalm 33:12)

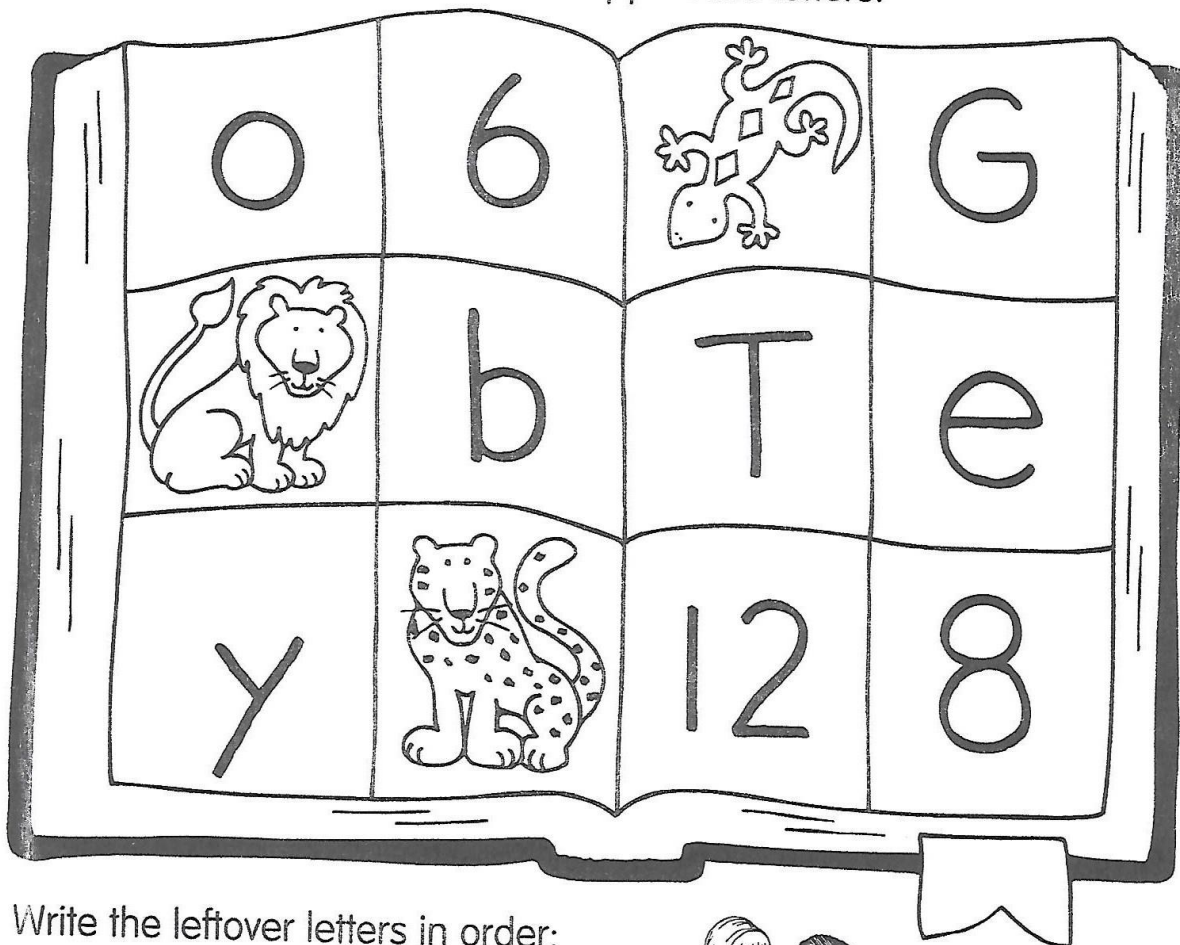
Children's Camp

Gospel Light's Big Book of Kindergarten Puzzles #2.

Follow the directions to see what you can do with God's Word.



1. Draw an ✕ on any numbers bigger than 5.
2. Draw an ✕ on any animals that start with an L.
3. Draw an ✕ on all the uppercase letters.



Write the leftover letters in order:



Cut a ○ and a △ from a sheet of paper.

Cut the ⊖ in half and put the halves on top of the ▽ to make a ♥.

We obey God's Word because we love Him!

Look Here:

"I will obey God's word."

(See Psalm 119:17)

Digging In:

God's word is the Bible.

We can read the Bible and do what it says.

This is obeying God.

The Acmar Community Quilt

Even though some members of our Acmar church have been worshipping here since the 1950s, we always welcome new people into our Acmar family. They bring new perspectives, enthusiasm, and talents that enhance our ability as a church to do good things within our church, community, country, and the world. In February, as we celebrate the birthday of one such member, we also want to recognize and honor the life, service, contributions, and work of Sandra Nicholson. For those of us who were raised in the Acmar church, it is always interesting to learn how other people came to us since we're a small church and a bit 'off the beaten path'. Sandi and her husband, Danny, moved to Moody in 1985. They were attending a large church in Birmingham. Originally from Woodlawn, Sandi became involved in her new hometown. She became part of Moody's Planning Commission. While serving on the Beautification Board, she met Nancy Miller who invited her to one of our "Ladies' Night Out" activities. Sandi liked the people she met, and eventually visited our church services. Danny had always preferred a larger church, but he fell in love with Acmar. They became members of AUMC in December, 2006.

Sandi had married young and had two sons, Neal and Scott. Later, as a single mother, her life became very complicated. She began working as a medical lab assistant at UAB Hospital. Her oldest son, Neal, grew to having problems with mental illness. Sandi's struggles in finding help and housing for him revealed a lack of services and help available for people with disabilities in our state. Instead of simply saying, "Somebody ought to do something," Sandi got busy! In December, 1980, at the age of 19, Scott received a traumatic brain injury in an auto accident that left him with multiple disabilities as a result. And Sandi learned she had to fight more for what Scott, Neal, and others like them needed because of gaps in services available. Tragically, Neal became the victim of an unsolved murder.

Sandi married Danny Nicholson in 1984, and he has been supportive of her efforts as an advocate for people in need. When Sandi reached 25 years at UAB, she retired from her position there and REALLY went to work! She became an advocate for people with disabilities which eventually led her to serve on many boards, committees, and even statewide positions as she became well known to political leaders as she lobbied for changes. In turning the pages of Sandi's scrapbook, it quickly becomes apparent that there isn't room on our Community Quilt page to list all the accomplishments and awards Sandi has been given for her hard work on behalf of people with disabilities! In 1995, she won the Lotus Award given by the Women's Committee of Spain Rehabilitation Center to "an individual volunteer who has contributed in an outstanding manner to people in Alabama with disabilities." She received the J.C. Penney Golden Rule award in 1998. Her hard work helped lead the state legislators' passage of the Head and Spinal Cord Injury Registry Act in 1998, and hers was a familiar face at the state capitol for many years. She served on the board of the Alabama Head Injury Foundation for several years. These are just a few of her "official" accomplishments, and over the years, there have been countless acts of kindness to individuals and families when she heard of a need.

In 2008 and 2009, Sandi served as a member of our church Local Mission Team which focuses on needs within our community. She became Chair of the Local Mission Team in 2010, and has held that position since that time. Sandi has been relentless in verifying requests for help in making sure our church is being a good steward of the money people donated to the church. She has often been able to connect people in need to other resources they were unaware of previously. Sandi and Danny have spent much time and energy helping those in need.













Sandi has a step-daughter, Serena, grandson, Eric (Brandie), great-grandson Shawn, and is "GranSandi" to some of the little ones at church. Although health problems have curtailed some activities, Sandi continues to be an active member of our church, President of the Doris Stanley Memorial Library Board in Moody, and serves on the board of Individual and Family Support for St. Clair County. Sandi's sweet spirit, determination, and love of the Lord serve as an inspiration to us all. According to Sandi, in many different situations,

"God put me where I needed to be."

We're so glad she found her way to our little church in Acmar!



February 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3  Amy Gable	4	5	6
7  CHURCH 9 am Serenity Johnson	8  Candice Turner Micah Patrick Roof	9  Henry Walker Sims	10  Ashley Anderson	11	12	13
14  CHURCH 9am VALENTINE'S DAY	15  PRESIDENTS DAY	16	17 ASH WEDNESDAY Jim Anderson	18  Brent Bonham	19	20
21  CHURCH 9 am Johnny Lee	22  Sandi Nicholson	23	24  Brenda Cash Jessie Turner	25	26	27
28  CHURCH 9 am	Acmar Sanctuary Worship / Sundays at 9 am / Audio Sermon Podcasts on Website Temperature check, masks, distancing; No: singing, Children's Church or snacks					

Soul Food for February

Mon., February 1
 Tue., February 2
 Wed., February 3
 Thur., February 4
 Fri., February 5
 Sat., February 6

Isaiah 40:21-31
 Psalm 147:1-11, 20c
 1 Corinthians 9:16-23
 Mark 1:29-39
 Amos 5:21-24
 Isaiah 1:15-20



Mon., February 8
 Tue., February 9
 Wed., February 10
 Thur., February 11
 Fri., February 12
 Sat., February 13

2 Kings 2:1-12
 Psalm 50:1-6
 2 Corinthians 4:3-6
 Mark 9:2-9
 Amos 5:11-15
 Micah 6:6-8

Mon., February 15
 Tue., February 16
 Wed., February 17
 Thur., February 18
 Fri., February 19
 Sat., February 20

Genesis 9:8-17
 Psalm 25:1-10
 1 Peter 3:18-22
 Mark 1:9-15
 Proverbs 1:1-9
 Isaiah 40:27-31

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 Moody, AL 35004 Phone: 640-4325
 Moody Crossroads / Intersection Hwy. 411/Cty. 10
 Take Cty. 10 W. (Park Ave.) toward Trussville;
 Travel 1 mile; Right on Acmar Rd; travel 2 miles;
 Left onto Old Acton Rd.; Church is on the left

Mon., February 22
 Tue., February 23
 Wed., February 24
 Thur., February 25
 Fri., February 26
 Sat., February 27

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
 Psalm 22:23-31
 Romans 4:13-25
 Mark 8:31-38
 Psalm 37:1-6
 Joel 2:25-32

Mon., March 1
 Tue., March 2
 Wed., March 3
 Thur., March 4
 Fri., March 5
 Sat., March 6

Exodus 20:1-17
 Psalm 19
 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
 John 2:13-22
 Matthew 6:5-6
 Mark 14:32-38