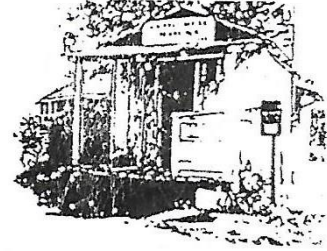


The Acmar Soul Miner

*Searching for wisdom
As for hidden treasures...
For the Lord gives wisdom*



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Let Your Light Shine

Burning since 1901, over 116 years, the Centennial Light is the world's longest-lasting light. It hangs at Fire Station #6 at 4550 East Avenue, Livermore California.

The hand-blown, carbon-filament common light bulb was manufactured in Shelby, Ohio by the Shelby Electric Company in the late 1890's. According to Zylpha Bernal Beck, the bulb was donated to the Fire Department by her Father, Dennis Bernal, in 1901. Bernal owned the Livermore Power and Water Company and donated the bulb to the fire station. Firefighters supported the story.

According to *Wikipedia*, the free encyclopedia, evidence suggests the bulb has hung in at least four locations. It was originally hung in 1901 in a hose cart house on L Street; then moved to a garage in downtown Livermore used by the fire and police departments. When the fire department consolidated, it was moved again to a newly constructed City Hall that housed the unified departments.

A final move was made in 1976 when the Fire Department of Livermore-Pleasanton moved to 4550 East Avenue. The bulb socket's cord was severed for fear that unscrewing the bulb could damage it. It was deprived of electricity for only 22 minutes during the transfer, which was made in a specially designed box and with full fire truck escort. An electrician was on hand to install the bulb into the new fire station's emergency generator.

Steven Cohen of California wrote about "The Livermore Light Bulb" in *The Upper Room*, July 10, 2018. Physicists discovered that the carbon filament, the heart of the bulb, is eight times thicker than an ordinary bulb. Not being turned on and off added to its life.

The Centennial Light was originally a 60-watt bulb but is now very dim, emitting about the same light as a 4-watt nightlight.

As the July 13, 2017 episode of "Inside Edition" reminds viewers, this light has shined through World Wars I and II, the Moon landing and 21 Presidents from McKinley through Trump.



Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

"Neither do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven."

(Matthew 5:14-16)

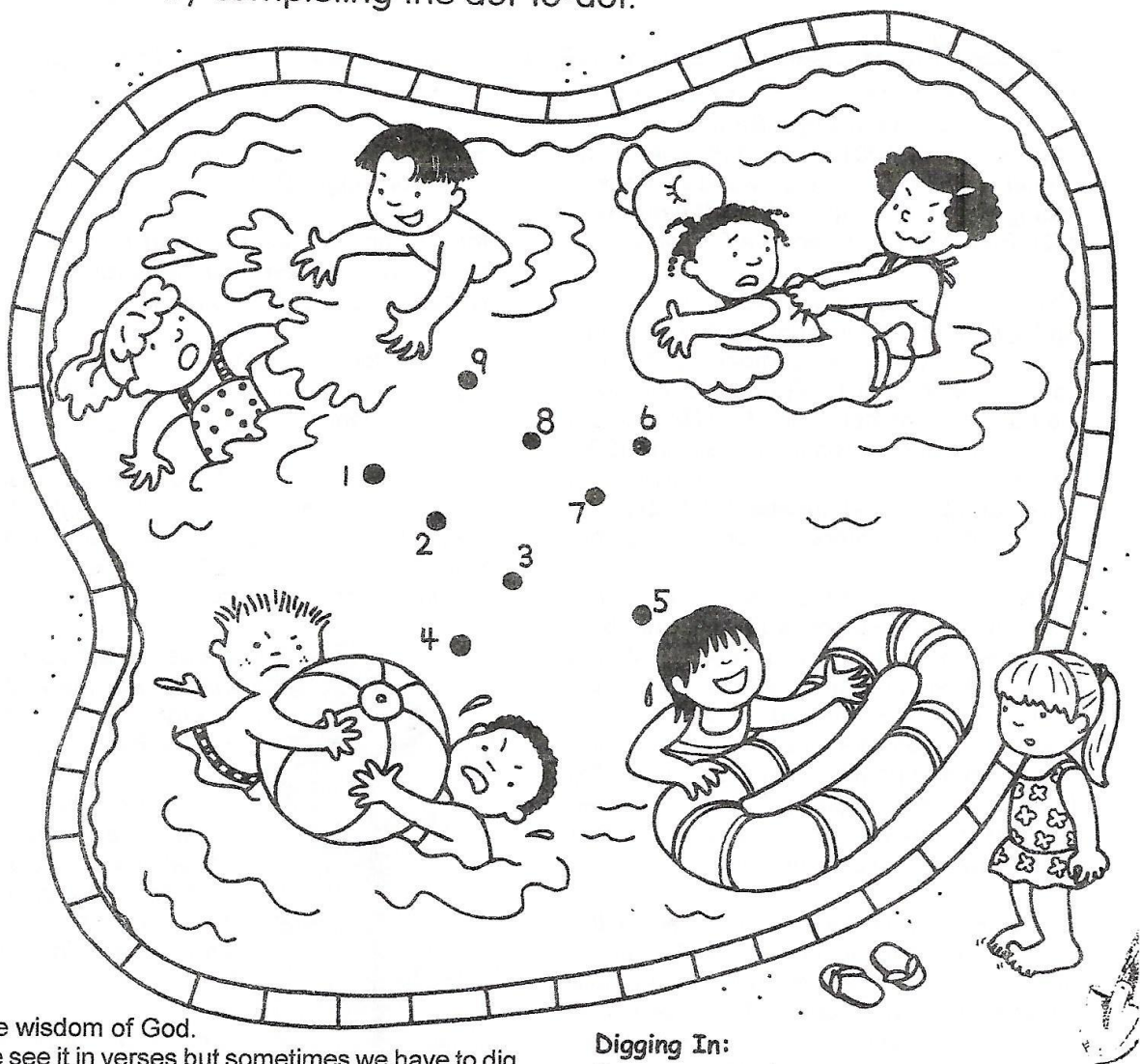
Children's Camp

Gospel Light's Big Book of Kindergarten Puzzles #

Color each girl YELLOW.

Color each boy BROWN.

Which person in this picture is obeying God's Word?
Find out by completing the dot-to-dot.



The wisdom of God.

We see it in verses but sometimes we have to dig to uncover the meaning.



Look Here:

Jesus said, "Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

(Matthew 5:16)

Digging In:

"Letting your light shine" means doing good things that help people.

When we do good things it make people think about a good God in heaven.

Christians are followers of Jesus Christ who is the Son of God.

When a Christian does something good, people say good things about Jesus and God.

The Acmar Community Quilt

When school time rolls around each year, folks tend to reminisce about their school days. There are many stories about school days in Acmar and later at White's Chapel, and one name seems to come up often – Mrs. Lois James.

During the mining company days, the company's school in Acmar covered grades 1 through 6. Teachers often worked with more than one grade level at a time and many children would have the same teacher for more than one year. For a time in the 1940s, Lois James taught 4th, 5th, and 6th grades and also served as school principal. She was a very strict disciplinarian and many students were actually afraid of her. Lavelle Smith remembers that Mrs. James was a very hard teacher and expected much from her students, but she also saw to it that they had every possible learning tool available for a good education. The Acmar School had a larger library and reference area than many of the county schools. Mrs. James also had a wooden paddle with three holes in the center so it would sting when it was used, and evidently she used it often. Not just for students who were unruly or misbehaving, but also on children who failed to score 100 on tests, like multiplication tables. So, different students had very different experiences and memories of Mrs. James depending on their math skills! The Acmar School burned in the late 1940s, and students were bused to the company school in White's Chapel. Mrs. James also taught multiple grades there. She promoted learning scriptures. One day a week, at the beginning of the class, time was devoted to reciting Bible verses by the students. This was a voluntary program. Each student who had learned verses during the prior week would recite the verses in front of the class. There was a list of verses and Bible passages to be learned with a progressive reward system. White's Chapel School had an affiliation with Children's Bible Mission (CBM) Camp. Leaders from the camp would come to the school and teach illustrative Bible stories with the use of a flannel board. Students were progressively rewarded with a John 3:16 pamphlet, a new testament, a story book, a Bible and ultimately a free week at CBM Camp. The repetition of the verses throughout the year was a learning experience for all of the students. Lois James was also responsible for many children attending Acmar church because she instructed her class at White's Chapel to attend the church, and they did what their teachers told them to do, especially her! Eventually many of their parents began attending services, too. Mrs. James also played the piano at the Acmar church on "Baptist Sundays". One former student remembered how beautifully she played and wondered how someone so feared by children would seem so different at church. After the closing of the company schools, Mrs. James also taught Sunday School classes at the church and carried over some of her stern "teacher" attitudes. She once reprimanded two girls for smiling at each other during the lesson, remarking, "Church is no place to be smiling!" But ultimately, children learned a lot from Mrs. James.

Wonder what Mrs. James would think of us now, as laughter is often heard at Acmar church before, after, and yes, even sometimes during services!

Acmar School 1948 4th, 5th, and 6th Grades















Top: Mrs. Lois James

3rd Row: Mary Lou Caffee, Jimmie Lou Newton, Shirley McBrayer

2nd Row: Charles Henry Bosworth, Charles Martin, Wayne Bosworth, Rufus Caffee, Joan Summerville, Pat Allison, Margaret Caffee

1st Row: Tommy Capples, Jerry Spruill, Emmet (Buddy) Smith, Glenda Caldwell, Mary Ann Hayes, Lavelle Smith

August 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 MCA 3-5 White's Chapel Kris Walker	2 YWCA Purse & Passion Pell City 11:30 am	3	4
5  CHURCH 9 am	6	7	8 CHURCH SUPPER 6:30 pm Joseph Grant Howard	9	10  Linda Lee	11  Alexa Wimberly
12  CHURCH 9 am	13	14  Leigh Byers Don Gregory	15 MCA 3-5 Carpenetti's 6 pm Adam Byers Merritt Champion	16	17	18  Martha Womack
19  CHURCH 9 am Meeting 10:15 am	20	21  BINGO Moody 10:30 am Phil Howard	22  Lee Raines	23  BINGO Leeds 10:00 am	24	25 ALS WALK Railroad Pk. Birmingham Reg. 10 am Walk 11 am
26 CHURCH Cheaha Picnic 2-5 Camp Lee Coleman Gable	27	28  James Hammett	29	30  Beau Lamphear	31	

Soul Food for August

Mon., July 30
Tue., July 31
Wed., August 1
Thur., August 2
Fri., August 3
Sat., August 4

2 Samuel 11:26 - 12:13a
Psalm 51:1-12
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:24-35
1 Kings 17:1-9
Isaiah 11:1-10



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Take Cty. 10 W. (Park Ave.) toward Trussville;
Travel 1 mile; Right onto Acmar Rd; Travel 2 mi.
Left onto Old Acton Road. Phone: 640-4325

Mon., August 6
Tue., August 7
Wed., August 8
Thur., August 9
Fri., August 10
Sat., August 11

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33
Psalm 130
Ephesians 4:25 - 5:2
John 6:35, 41-51
Psalm 91:1-10
Matthew 14:13-21

Mon., August 20
Tue., August 21
Wed., August 22
Thur., August 23
Fri., August 24
Sat., August 25

1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43
Psalm 84
Ephesians 6:10-20
John 6:56-69
Luke 1:67-79
Mark 1:16-20

Mon., August 13
Tue., August 14
Wed., August 15
Thur., August 16
Fri., August 17
Sat., August 18

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14
Psalm 111
Ephesians 5:15-20
John 6:51-58
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Luke 12:22-28

Mon., August 27
Tue., August 28
Wed., August 29
Thur., August 30
Fri., August 31

Song of Solomon 2:8-13
Psalm 72
James 1:17-27
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Mark 5:25-34