



The Acmar Soul Miner

Searching for wisdom

As for hidden treasures...

For the Lord gives wisdom



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***** Never Underestimate a Mom or Her Child

A partially deaf boy came home from school one day carrying a note from officials at the school. The note suggested that the parents take the boy out of school, claiming that he was "too stupid to learn."

The boy's mother read the note and said, "My son Tom isn't 'too stupid to learn.' I'll teach him myself." And so she did.

When Tom died many years later, the people of the United States of America paid tribute to him by turning off the nation's lights for one full minute.

It was "this Tom" that had invented the light bulb. He also invented motion pictures and the record player. In all, he had more than one thousand patents to his credit.¹

This is what Thomas Edison had to say about his mother: "I did not have my mother long, but she cast over me an influence which has lasted all my life. The good effects of her training I can never lose.

"If it had not been for her appreciation and her faith in me at a critical time in my experience, I should never likely have become an inventor. I was always a careless boy, and with a mother of different mental caliber, I should have turned out badly.

"Her firmness, her sweetness, her goodness were potent power to keep me in the right path. My mother was the making of me."²

¹ *God's Little Devotional Book for Moms.*
Tulsa, OK: Honor Books, Inc., 1995, page 97.

² *God's Little Devotional Book for Moms.*
Page 119.

No child is beyond learning more than he knows today. No child is beyond finding a new way to express her creativity and love.

No child is beyond receiving affection and growing in self-esteem. No child is beyond experiencing the presence of Almighty God.

Never give up on any aspect of a child's growth and development. The Lord God hasn't, doesn't, and won't.

The LORD says, "I will comfort you as a mother comforts her child." (Isaiah 66:13)

After the famous food distributor Henry J. Heinz died, his will was found to contain this confession:

"I desire to set forth at the very beginning of this will, as the most important item in it, a confession of my faith in Jesus Christ as my Savior.

"I also desire to bear witness to the fact that throughout my life, in which there were unusual joys and sorrows, I have been wonderfully sustained by my faith in God through Jesus Christ.

"This legacy was left me by my consecrated mother, a woman of strong faith, and to it I attribute any success I have attained."³

A woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised.
(Proverbs 31:30)

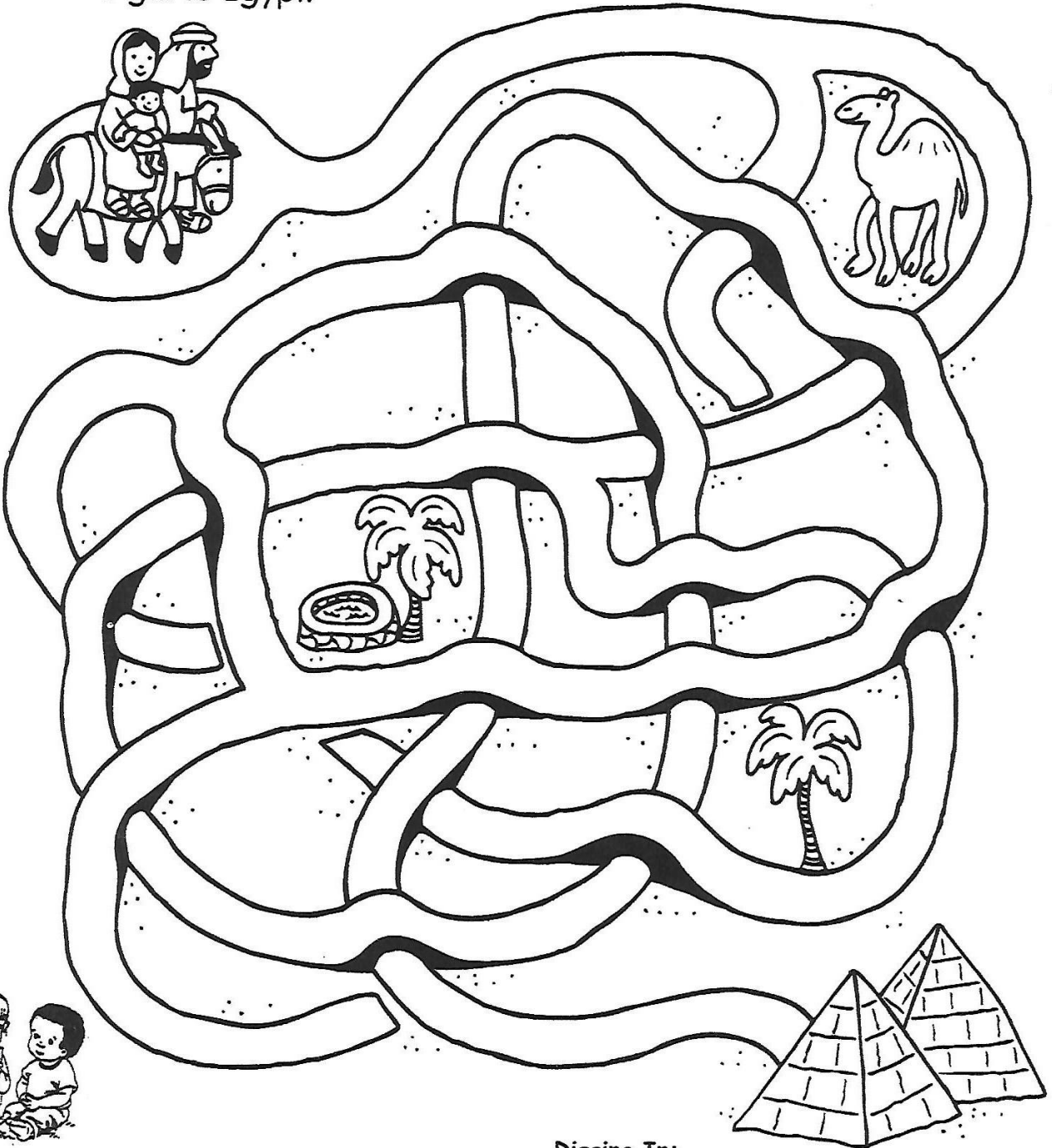
Her children rise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her.
(Proverbs 31:28)

³ *God's Little Devotional Book for Moms.*
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Children's Camp

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

Trace the path Joseph, Mary and Jesus should take to get to Egypt.



The wisdom of God.
We see it in verses but sometimes we have to dig to uncover the meaning.

Look Here:

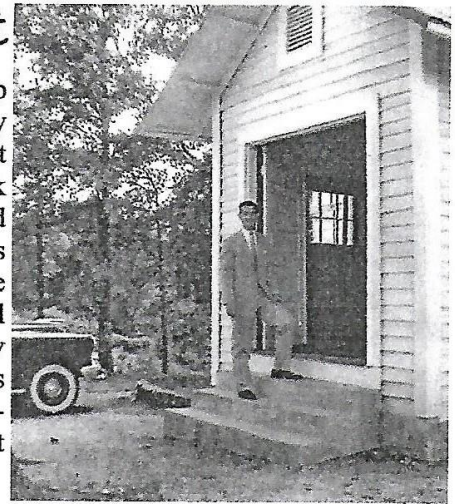
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Digging In:

The word "comfort" means to give strength and hope that things will be alright. To keep Jesus safe, His mother and father took Him to a country called Egypt. His mother comforted Him so He would not be afraid or lonely.

The Acmar Community Quilt

In spring of 1955, S.T. Kimbrough, Jr. "Steve" drove his Mercury hardtop convertible over dusty rut-filled roads looking for the Acmar Community Church. Even though he had directions, he got lost several times. He arrived at the church at exactly 11 am. He slipped into the sanctuary and sat on the back left pew. The Sunday School teacher finished his closing prayer. He looked up and said, "Well, doesn't look like the Bishop sent us a preacher." In his suit, tie, and white buck shoes, Steve raised his hand and said, "It's me!" The congregation was stunned. The Bishop had sent them an 18-year-old basketball player from Birmingham Southern College! Due to the timing of his birthday and Annual Conference, Steve had received his license to preach when he was 15-years-old. They didn't want to wait a whole year until he would be the appropriate 16 years of age! As you might suspect, Acmar was his first appointment.



Steve Kimbrough grew up in a musical family. He was pleased to hear how Lois James beautifully played the piano. "Rock" Nation sat on a stool to her right in the corner. When the offering was received, Steve was surprised when Rock stood and played, "Whispering Hope," on his saxophone. Having been raised in his talented family, during his time at Acmar, Steve was able to provide some helpful tips for Mr. Nation and his saxophone. When he served at Acmar, most of the congregation came to the church each Sunday, and Baptist and Methodist preachers rotated Sundays. Steve was paid \$18.75 for each of the two monthly Sundays that he preached. The congregation was concerned that it cost him more than he received especially when he busted his oil pan on the roads. His mother, however, suggested to Steve that, based on his sermons, he was probably overpaid! All in all, it was a blessed experience for the congregation and Steve. He has spoken of the love, nurturing, and training that he received from the congregation that welcomed him as their pastor. Steve mentioned that three people came to the altar to receive Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior during his preaching at Acmar. And all three joined the Baptist church!!



















Every Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Hurst invited young Steve for Sunday lunch. There was a spread of meats, garden vegetables, and pie. Every Sunday, Mr. Hurst asked, "Do you know what kind of pie I like?" Steve would dutifully reply, "No, what kind of pie do you like?" Mr. Hurst would say, "Hot and cold!" To this day, Steve still laughs.



After serving at Acmar, Steve became Youth Director at Canterbury Methodist Church for a year before leaving to attend Duke Divinity School in 1958, and received his seminary degree. He has gone on to many great accomplishments. His primary ministry focus has been through his musical gifts. He served for many years as the Director of Music for the General Board of Ministries of the United Methodist Church. He has been described as a "remarkable singer, with a cultivated, easily flowing baritone of fine quality and a rare command of words and rhythms, (*The New Yorker*) and a "master of vocal art" (*La Stampa*, Rome). His voice has been praised as "magnificent and pure liquid gold" (*The Birmingham Post-Herald*). He made his operatic debut in 1968, in Mantova, Italy as a winner of the American Opera Auditions. He has sung nationally throughout the United States and internationally in such countries as Italy, Austria, Germany, Brazil, and many more. Steve is a recording artist, author, and has appeared on TV and in films.

S.T. Kimbrough, Jr. is now living in Durham, North Carolina. On Sunday, March 6, 2022, Steve drove the now paved roads to revisit Acmar United Methodist Church. Many things were different, but many good things were the same. Once again, he surprised the congregation, but he certainly was not a stranger this time!

May 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 CHURCH9 PICNIC 12-2:30 p Moody Park Skyelur Byrd 	2	3	4  MCA 3-5 p White's Chapel	5  NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER	6  Ethan Wilson	7  Don Borg Millie Howard Prudence Howard  
8  CHURCH 9 am MOTHER'S DAY	9	10	11 	12  BINGO 10 a Moody Sr. Center	13	14
15  CHURCH 9 am	16  Kay Hammett	17  Maureen Raines	18 MCA 3-5 Jeff Reeves  William Rowell 	19	20  Nancy Miller-Borg	21
22  CHURCH 9 Pre-Annual Conf. 2-5 Pell City	23	24	25	26	27	28
29  CHURCH 9a Sp. Offering ALS	30  MEMORIAL DAY	31  Nolan Carpenter		National Day of Prayer Verse:	"Exalt the Lord who has established us."	Colossians 2:6-7 New American Standard

Soul Food for May

Mon., May 2
 Tue., May 3
 Wed., May 4
 Thur., May 5
 Fri., May 6
 Sat., May 7

Acts 9:36-43
 Psalm 23
 Revelation 7:9-17
 John 10:22-30
 Ephesians 4:17-28
 Job 38:1-11

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 Moody, AL 35004 Phone: 205 640 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., May 9
 Tue., May 10
 Wed., May 11
 Thur., May 12
 Fri., May 13
 Sat., May 14

Acts 11:1-18
 Psalm 148
 Revelation 21:1-6
 John 13:31-35
 Luke 10:1-12
 Psalm 116:1-9



Mon., May 23
 Tue., May 24
 Wed., May 25
 Thur., May 26
 Fri., May 27
 Sat., May 28

Acts 16:16-34
 Psalm 97
 Revelation 22:12-21
 John 17:20-26
 Job 1:13-22
 1 Samuel 17:24-37

Mon., May 16
 Tue., May 17
 Wed., May 18
 Thur., May 19
 Fri., May 20
 Sat., May 21

Acts 16:9-15
 Psalm 67
 Revelation 21:10, 22 - 22:5
 John 14:23-29
 Matthew 22:34-40
 Psalm 91:9-16

Mon., May 30
 Tue., May 31
 Wed., June 1
 Thur., June 2
 Fri., June 3
 Sat., June 4

Acts 2:1-21
 Psalm 104:24-35
 Romans 8:14-17
 John 14:8-17
 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
 Matthew 11:28-30