



# The Acmar Soul Miner

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



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## Season of Summer

Officially, the first day of summer in the Northern Hemisphere comes about June 21. This is the time in which as the earth rotates around the sun, it is the closest to the sun. It is the longest day of sunlight.

There is a distinction, however, between the first day of summer and summer time. For many students, summer begins when the last bell rings for that school year.

Some consider, Memorial Day, the last Monday in May and that weekend before when we remember those who have died in our military, as the unofficial start of summer.

Whenever you start it, just be sure that you have a season of Summer.

The April 2017, *Reader's Digest*, notes, "Doctors from California to South Korea believe they've found a miracle medicine for our mental health and creativity. The catch: You have to go to a forest or park to fill the prescription. It's the Nature Cure."

When we slow down, stop the busywork, and seek out natural surroundings, we not only feel restored but improve our mental performance.<sup>1</sup>

While many will enjoy a vacation away with family and friends, we don't have to travel. Step outside. Absorb the sights, sounds, taste, smell and touch of our earth. Lose track of time finding joy in simple pleasures.

**God said, "Let there be lights in the firmament of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs and seasons..." Genesis 1:14**

<sup>1</sup>Reader's Digest April 2017. "The Nature Cure" by Florence Williams." P. 106-108.

## Father's Day / Sunday, June 18, 2017

Father's Day in the United States is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of June. It a day to celebrate the contributions that fathers and father figures make for their children or other children.

Fathers are unique and necessary to us individually and to our nation. A country does well to support and encourage its fathers.

For past fathers offer a prayer of gratitude. For present fathers offer a prayer of guidance. For future fathers offer a prayer of godliness.

Jesus teaches us to pray,

**"Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be Your name...  
Give us this day our daily bread ...**

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## Acmar Bible School

at

**Acmar United Methodist Church  
4107 Old Acton Rd., Moody AL 35004**

**on Saturday, June 17, 2015  
from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**Theme: Treasure in Heaven**

### Activities Include:

**Music, Bible Story, Games, Craft  
Hands-On Mission and Pizza Lunch**

### Call to Register

**Church: (205) 640-4325  
Belinda Wilson (205) 640-6719**

**Jesus said,**

**"If you want to be perfect, go  
sell what you have and give to the poor,  
and you will have treasure in heaven;  
and come follow Me."**

**(Matthew 19:21)**

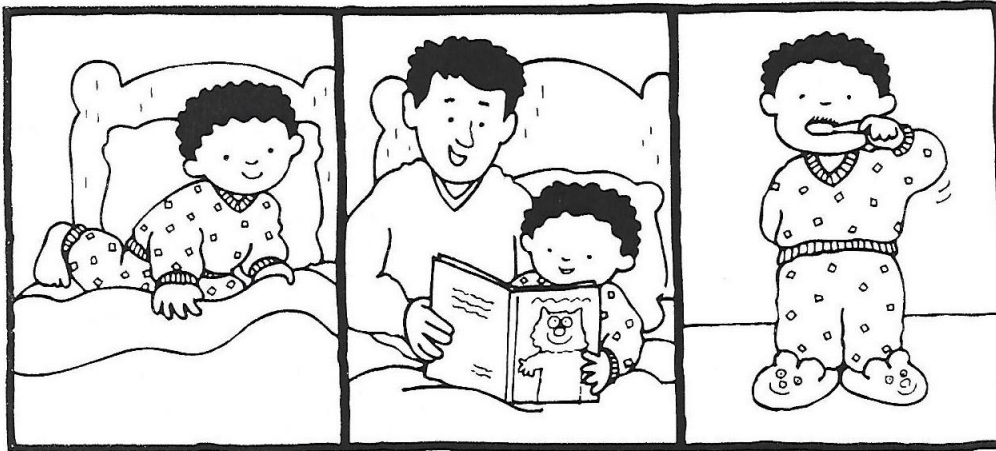
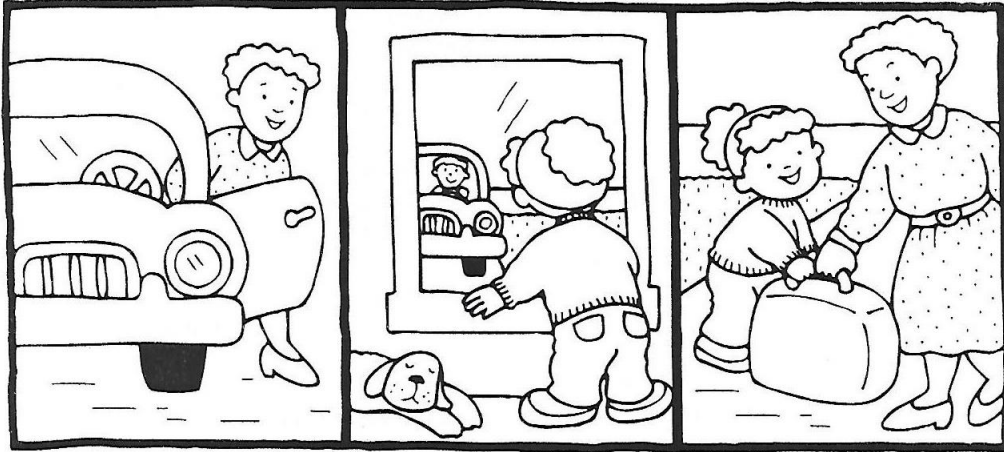
**Hope to see you at Bible School!**

# Children's Camp

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



In each row, cut apart the pictures.  
Glue them in order on a separate sheet of paper.



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



**Look Here:**

**Our Bible says, "Honor your father."  
(Deuteronomy 5:16)**

### **Digging In:**

Honor means to value or to show respect.  
We are to value and respect our fathers.  
We value and show respect when we obey.

How are the children in the pictures above  
obeying their father and God.





## *The Acmar Community Quilt*

Children have always been an important part of our church in Acmar. During the coal mining days when married miners also brought their families to live in Acmar, there were Sunday school classes conducted on tables built by local handy men and two-week sessions of Vacation Bible School in the summers staffed by the wives and mothers. There was an active Boy Scouts troop. For a short period of time after the mines closed, there weren't very many children around to warrant many special activities. But as new people moved into the neighborhood in the 1950s and early 1960s (and many of them were relatives), there were children in Acmar once again.
















Now there was no official nursery or "Children's Church" like today. Children learned very early on how to behave appropriately at church during the Sunday morning service or run the risk of their mama getting in a firm pinch on the top part of their leg (which could be done without any others in the congregation being aware of this disciplinary measure.) As kids began to get a little older, it was a wise move to develop activities that encouraged their attendance and participation at church. This was a time during the alternating Baptist and Methodist Sundays, and everybody came every Sunday. A special time for the young people on Sunday evenings was called Training Union. One of the teacher/leaders was Dot Barefoot who lived in the house across from the church. She was a delightful lady loved by all the kids with her red hair and freckles and a real Southern drawl that was always firm, but fair. When Gordon Mize was the Baptist preacher his wife, Clara, was part of the Training Union bunch. There are sweet memories of hot summer Sunday evenings when Gordon and Clara would bring popsicles for all the young people at Training Union. (It's easy to imagine that attendance was pretty good!) Time passed. The Baptists and Methodists separated. There were fewer young people in the church. In 1968, a new minister, Elias Gurubel and his wife, Nelle, came to Acmar. They brought a new connection for Acmar: Wonder Book Camp. This became very special to some of the young people from Acmar, and the church still continues our affiliation with the camp.

The youth from Acmar at that time grew up and many married and/or moved away. For a few years, the sound of a young child was seldom heard at Acmar Church until the next generation came along. Once again, there was Sunday School, Bible School, and special activities for kids. In 1984, we established a MYF group (Methodist Youth Fellowship) that met at the church for fun and good fellowship. A new Boy Scout troop began meeting at the church bringing in many young boys from the Moody area. Now that generation has grown up, and a new small group of children bring their special joy and presence to the church family!



1984 MYF: Back row—Brandon Howard, Jennifer Champion, Lenae Wilson, Kristi Todd, Matt Byers  
Front row— Glenn Champion, Heather Bratcher, Michael Wilson, Adam Byers, and Donna Turner

# June 2017

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Monday                                                                                                                                    | Tuesday                                                                                                                                   | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Thursday                                                                                                            | Friday                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Saturday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| 4<br><br><b>CHURCH</b><br>9 am<br>PENTECOST<br>Annual<br>Conference                                                                        | 5<br><br>North<br>Alabama<br>UMC<br>Annual<br>Conference | 6<br><br>North<br>Alabama<br>UMC<br>Annual<br>Conference | 7<br><br>MCA 3-5 pm<br><u>White's Chapel</u>                                                                                                                         | 8                                                                                                                   | 9                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 10                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 11<br><br><b>CHURCH</b><br>9 am                                                                                                            | 12                                                                                                                                        | 13                                                                                                                                        | 14<br><br>FLAG DAY                                                                                                                                                   | 15<br><br>James<br>Turner        | 16                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 17<br><br>ACMAR<br>BIBLE<br>SCHOOL<br>10 am- 1 pm<br>Maggie<br>Lamphear  |
| 18<br><br><b>CHURCH</b><br>9 am<br>FATHER'S<br>DAY      | 19                                                                                                                                        | 20<br><br>BINGO<br>Moody<br>10:30 am                     | 21<br>MCA 3-5<br>Charlie's<br>BBQ 6p <br><u>Odenville</u><br>FIRST DAY<br>SUMMER  | 22<br><br>BINGO<br>Leeds<br>10 am | 23                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | 24                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| 25<br><br><b>CHURCH</b><br>9 am<br>Heather<br>Reeves  | 26<br><br>Henry<br>Turner                              | 27                                                                                                                                        | 28                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | 29                                                                                                                  | 30<br><br>Clara Harte<br>Byers <br>Calye Lux<br>Fernandes |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

### Soul Food for May

Monday, May 29     **Acts 2:1-21**  
 Tuesday, May 30     **Psalm 104:24-34, 35b**  
 Wednesday, May 31     **1 Corinthians 12:3b-13**  
 Thursday, June 1     **John 7:37-39**  
 Friday, June 2     **Mark 14:32-42**  
 Saturday, June 3     **Isaiah 53:1-9**

Monday, June 5     **Genesis 1:2 - 2:4a**  
 Tuesday, June 6     **Psalm 8**  
 Wednesday, June 7     **2 Corinthians 13:11-13**  
 Thursday, June 8     **Matthew 28:16-20**  
 Friday, June 9     **Matthew 13:24-30**  
 Saturday, June 10     **Proverbs 3:5-10**

Monday, June 12     **Genesis 18:1-15**  
 Tuesday, June 13     **Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19**  
 Wednesday, June 14     **Romans 5:1-8**  
 Thursday, June 15     **Matthew 9:35 - 10:8**  
 Friday, June 16     **Psalm 118:21-24**  
 Saturday, June 17     **Luke 15:11-20**

### Acmar United Methodist Church

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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; Turn right onto Acmar Rd;**  
**Travel 2 miles; Left onto Old Acton Road**

Monday, June 19     **Genesis 21:8-21**  
 Tuesday, June 20     **Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17**  
 Wednesday, June 21     **Romans 6:1b-11**  
 Thursday, June 22     **Matthew 10:24-39**  
 Friday, June 23     **Luke 6:27-31**  
 Saturday, June 24     **Matthew 6:25-34**

Monday, June 26     **Genesis 22:1-14**  
 Tuesday, June 27     **Psalm 13**  
 Wednesday, June 28     **Romans 6:12-23**  
 Thursday, June 29     **Matthew 10:40-42**  
 Friday, June 30     **Romans 8:10-17**  
 Saturday, July 1