

## The Acmar Soul Miner

*Searching for wisdom*

*As for hidden treasures...*

*For the Lord gives wisdom*



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### Holy Communion on the Moon

It was fifty years ago, on July 20, 1969. Commander Neil Armstrong and Pilot Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin landed Apollo 11 Lunar Module Eagle on the moon.

The first thing Buzz Aldrin did was to give thanks to God. The ordained Presbyterian elder pulled out the Communion wafer that was in a plastic packet and the wine, alone with a tiny silver cup provided by his church, which he kept in his "personal-preference kit."

He spoke into the radio. "Houston, Tranquility. Over."

Houston responded, "Tranquility, Houston. Go ahead."

Aldrin said, "I would like to take this opportunity to ask every person listening in, whoever and wherever they may be to pause for a moment and contemplate the event of the past few hours and to give thanks in his or her own way. Over."

Houston: "Roger – Tranquility Base."

Aldrin silently read the 3-by-5 inch note card on which he had penned John 15:5:

***As Jesus said, "I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in Me, and I in him will bear much fruit; for you can do nothing without me."***

In the radio blackout, he observed the Lord's Supper. He put the wafer into his mouth. Aldrin said, "I poured the wine into the chalice our church had given me. In the one-sixth gravity of the moon, the wine curled slowly and gracefully up the side of the cup. It was interesting to think that the very first liquid ever poured on the moon, and the first food eaten there, were communion elements."

In a piece for *Guideposts* in 1970, Buzz Aldrin wrote that he chose Holy Communion because his pastor at Webster Presbyterian, Dean Woodruff, often spoke about how God reveals Himself through the everyday elements. God was revealing Himself there, too, as man reached out into the universe.

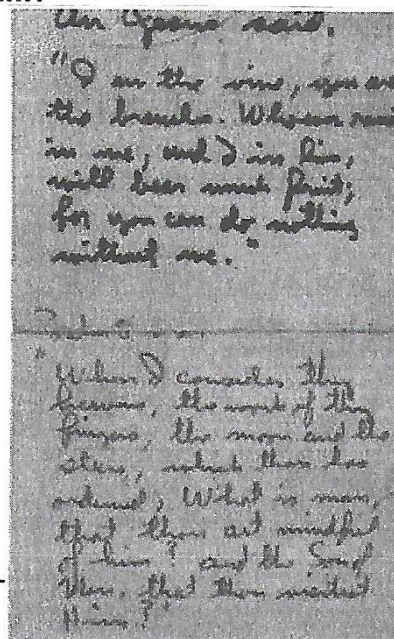
On July 20, 2019, Commander Neil Armstrong became the first person to step onto the moon. To all those watching on TV, listening on radio and to future generations, he said:

That's one small step for man,  
one giant leap for mankind.

Nineteen minutes later, Buzz Aldrin joined his partner on the moon.

At the end of the mission, when they were headed back to earth, Aldrin read aloud a second verse from the Old Testament, that he scrawled on the same note card. Psalm 8:3-4  
***"When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou has ordained; What is man that thou art mindful of him? And the Son of Man, that thou visitest Him?"***<sup>1</sup>

Copy of handwritten  
note card of  
Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin



<sup>1</sup> Foxnews.com









# Children's Camp

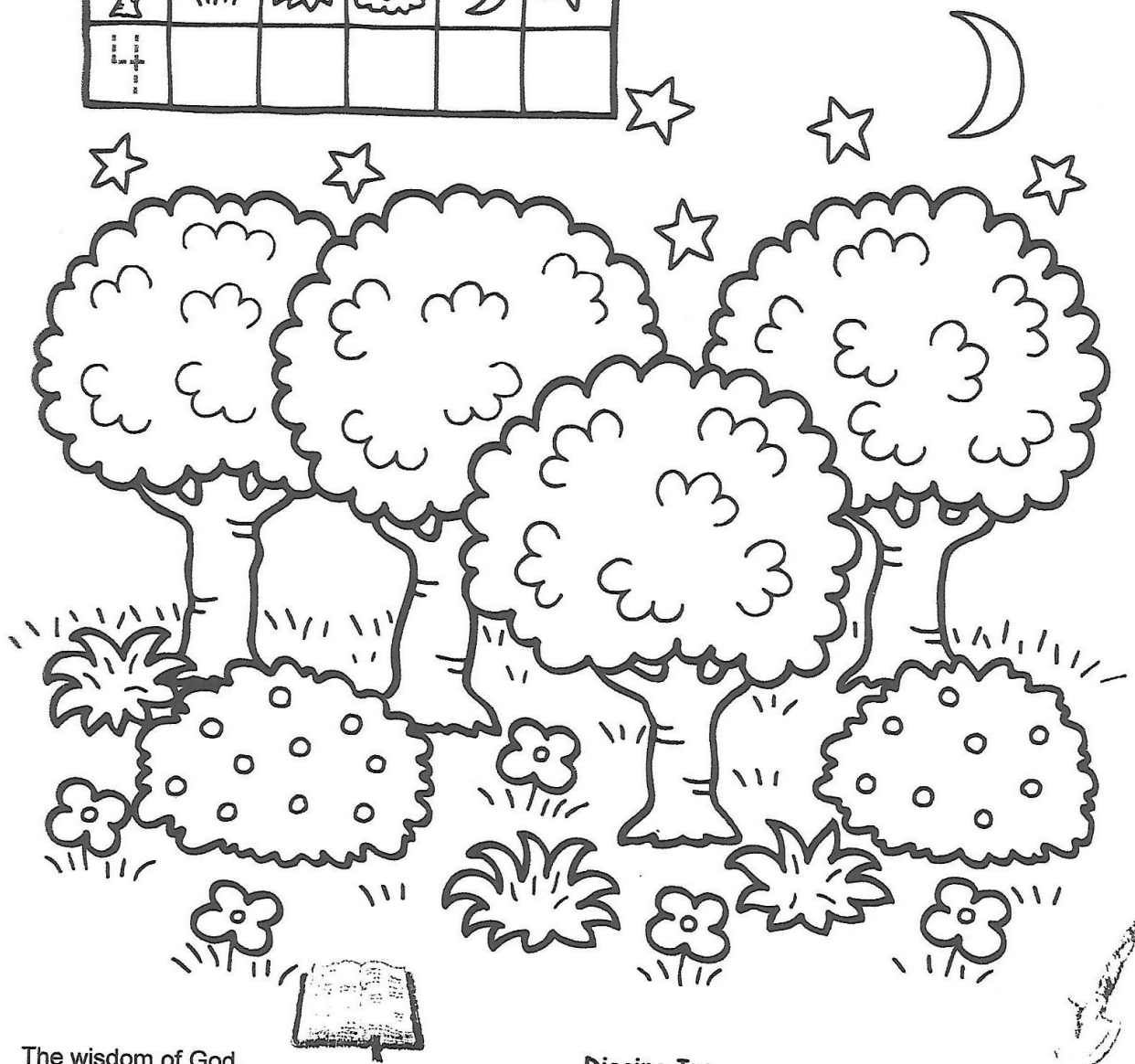
Gospel Light's Big Book of Kindergarten Puzzles #2.

Count all the different kinds of things God created.  
Fill in the chart below.



					
4					

1	2	3	4	5	6
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The wisdom of God.  
We see it in verses but sometimes we have to dig to uncover the meaning.

## Look Here:

**The Bible says, "God made the world and everything in it."**  
*Acts 17:24*

## Digging In:

God said that all He created was good.  
We can thank God for making the world.

We thank God for the sun, moon and stars.  
We thank God for flowers, trees and plants.  
We thank God for animals, birds and fish.



## The Acmar Community Quilt
























A recent comment that "Llamas are the new unicorn" points out the trending popularity of llamas in children's books, designs on their clothes & backpacks, and there's even a cartoon with a super hero who rides a llama. So you might say that Acmar's connection with Tatoo was well ahead of the trend, and according to his owner, Nancy Miller-Borg, a legend in his own mind! Nancy bought Tatoo when he was six months old and quickly recognized his temperament and intelligence made him a great candidate to be trained as a therapeutic animal. He quickly became so popular that arranging a visit by Tatoo meant booking him early on his social calendar. Nancy became more driver and manager while Tatoo enjoyed his role as "Star." His training made it possible to attend activities both indoors and out, and everyone would grin in amazement to see him getting into and out of Nancy's SUV. You can imagine the surprise on people's faces going down the highway and being passed by a vehicle with a large llama's face pressed against the window! Young and old alike loved watching Tatoo getting into and out of their SUV. There was even an article written in a 1998 GMC magazine about how he traveled in their Yukon. Tatoo became well traveled and well educated. A Pell City school teacher once bet kids she'd kiss a llama if they read so many books. That gym was the noisiest venue he had ever been in with a huge crowd of excited kids. The noise was no problem, and Tatoo was always willing about receiving or giving a kiss on the cheek! Tatoo became a part of our church family in 2003. He was there for our first Blessing of the Animals in 2006. He was the main attraction at many library, school, and church events. For twelve years Tatoo's love of children was evident in his annual appearance at St. Clair County's Special Olympics at Moody Park. Wheelchair's, walkers, unusual movements, or sounds didn't faze him, and children (along with many adults!) were drawn to touch his soft fur and have their picture made him. This was a fun event for the volunteers from Acmar UMC who made the instant photograph and presented it to the child in a card that read, *"I met a llama, his name is Tatoo, He lives on a farm and not in a zoo! He came to the park to watch me play. He wants me to remember this fun day. So here's a picture with my new spotted friend, each time I see it, I'll remember and grin!"* Tatoo has made appearances at several fund-raisers and functions from preschools to colleges, as well as awareness events for a variety of good causes. His popularity didn't stop with children. He was a frequent visitor at retirement homes and even participated in a woman's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday party in her den and behaved well, (although Nancy thought he was going to eat her corsage!) Tatoo has also been featured on TV, did some humming on the radio with WZZK, participated in parades, and even became an actor as he was disguised as a camel for the Steele Methodist Christmas pageant. Tatoo won awards at llama shows around the country. He not only touched lives in central Alabama, but even thrilled children from Chernobyl, Russia, who visited a church in the Birmingham area to give them a break from the effects of a nuclear accident. Tatoo passed away peacefully at his farm in Steele in May at the age of 24. His was certainly a special life well lived and long remembered by many. His daughter, "Chenille", will hopefully carry on his ministry.



"Family" portrait- Tatoo with Nancy and Don Borg



## August 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Glory Days-Living Promised Land Now / Lucado</b> <b>Byers Home on 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays at 6:30 pm</b> <b>Acmar Church on 2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays at 10 am</b>				1  <b>Kris Walker</b>	2	3
4  <b>CHURCH</b> 9 am	5	6	7  <b>MCA 3-5 pm</b> <u>White's Chapel</u>	8  <b>Joseph Grant Howard</b>	9	10  <b>Linda Lee</b>
11  <b>CHURCH</b> 9 am  <b>Alexa Wimberly</b>	12	13  <b>BIBLE STUDY BYERS HOME</b> 6:30 pm	14 B STUDY CHURCH 10  <b>SUPPER 6:30 pm</b> <b>Leigh Byers Don Gregory</b>	15  <b>Adam Byers Merritt Champion</b>	16	17
18  <b>CHURCH</b> 9 am  <b>Martha Womack</b>	19	20  <b>BINGO Moody</b> 10:30 am	21  <b>MCA 3-5 White's Chapel</b> <b>Carpenetti's 6 pm</b> <b>Phil Howard</b>	22  <b>BINGO Leeds 10am</b>  <b>Lee Raines</b>	23	24
 <b>25 CHURCH DISTRICT PICNIC at CAMP LEE</b> 2-5 pm	26  <b>Coleman Cash Gable</b>	27 BIBLE STUDY BYERS HOME  6:30 pm	28  <b>BIBLE STUDY CHURCH</b> 10 am	29	30  <b>Beau Lamphear</b>	31

### Soul Food for August

Mon., July 29  
 Tue., July 30  
 Wed., July 31  
 Thur., August 1  
 Fri., August 2  
 Sat., August 3

Hosea 11:1-11  
 Psalm 107:1-9, 43  
 Colossians 3:1-11  
 Luke 12:13-21  
 Isaiah 46:3-9  
 Joshua 1:1-9



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**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., August 5  
 Tue., August 6  
 Wed., August 7  
 Thur., August 8  
 Fri., August 9  
 Sat., August 10

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20  
 Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23  
 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16  
 Luke 12:32-40  
 Psalm 1:1-6  
 1 John 4:7-19

Mon., August 19  
 Tue., August 20  
 Wed., August 21  
 Thur., August 22  
 Fri., August 23  
 Sat., August 24

Jeremiah 1:4-10  
 Psalm 71:1-6  
 Hebrews 12:18-29  
 Luke 13:10-17  
 Ezekiel 34:11-15  
 Psalm 121:1-8

Mon., August 12  
 Tue., August 13  
 Wed., August 14  
 Thur., August 15  
 Fri., August 16  
 Sat., August 17

Isaiah 5:1-7  
 Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19  
 Hebrews 11:29-12:2  
 Luke 12:49-56  
 Mark 10:13-16  
 John 1:1-5

Mon., August 26  
 Tue., August 27  
 Wed., August 28  
 Thur., August 29  
 Fri., August 30  
 Sat., August 31

Jeremiah 2:4-13  
 Psalm 81:1, 10-16  
 Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16  
 Luke 14:1, 7-14  
 2 Timothy 4:6-8  
 John 15:1-8