

## The Acmar Soul Miner

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




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### Excuse Me?

*I'm not sure what's more confusing,  
that we would celebrate killing two birds  
or that we would need to conserve stones.*

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"Killing two birds with one stone." It's an expression used to mean "accomplish two goals in a single action."

"On the way back from the bank, I'll pick up groceries, killing two birds with one stone."

"I'll pray as I walk, killing two birds with one stone." Hmmm ... doesn't seem Christlike.

The opening tweet makes one ponder. Why is it popular and why would I use it?

As with most older sayings, there are varying opinions as to its origin. Sayings may be used orally before written. In his 1656 publication, *The Questions Concerning Liberty, Necessity & Chance*, Thomas Hobbes wrote:

"T.H. thinks to kill two birds with one stone, and satisfie two Arguments with one answer, whereas in truth he satisfieth neither."

Phrases like this are called "idioms." An idiom is a group of words or an expression that by its usage has been established as having a meaning that cannot be understood by the literal meaning of its words.

Our English language is full of them:

"Raining cats and dogs." – heavy rain

"Hit the sack" – go to bed

"Spill the beans" – tell the secret

"Beat around the bush" – avoid saying

"Jump on the bandwagon" – follow a trend

Some come from the Bible:

"By the skin of your teeth" – just barely

"Be the scapegoat" – bear blame for others

"Fly in the ointment" – detrimental to outcome

"Cast the first stone" – first to criticize

"Good Samaritan" – give compassionate help

"Go the extra mile" – do more than required

"Land of milk and honey" – good place

With school starting, there may be some school idioms that might cause students to:

"Put on their thinking caps" – think seriously

"Brainstorm" – think of new ideas

"Back to basics" – use traditional methods

"Become a book worm" – read a lot

"Learn by heart" – know very well

You sure wouldn't want to:

"Draw a blank" – give no response

"Be a copycat" – mimic or copy someone else

"Play hooky" – skip class

"Goof off" – waste time

Lest we be accused of, "can't teach an old dog new tricks," we might want to evaluate our phrases. Some might not reflect our values.

Do I want to "kill two birds with one stone" or do I lean toward protecting animals with a saying of, "feed two birds with one scone"?

For sure, I deserve a failing grade for using, "treated as a red-headed stepchild," for one who is treated harshly or unfairly. Nothing is wrong with red-heads or stepchildren!

While probably not a red-head, Jesus was a stepchild. God the Father carefully chose Joseph as the stepfather for His Son, Jesus.

Strive to learn. You might be the "teacher's pet." You are already one of God's favorites.

<sup>1</sup> Reader's Digest July/August 2021. P. 98  
"THE 100 FUNNIEST TWEETS EVER!"

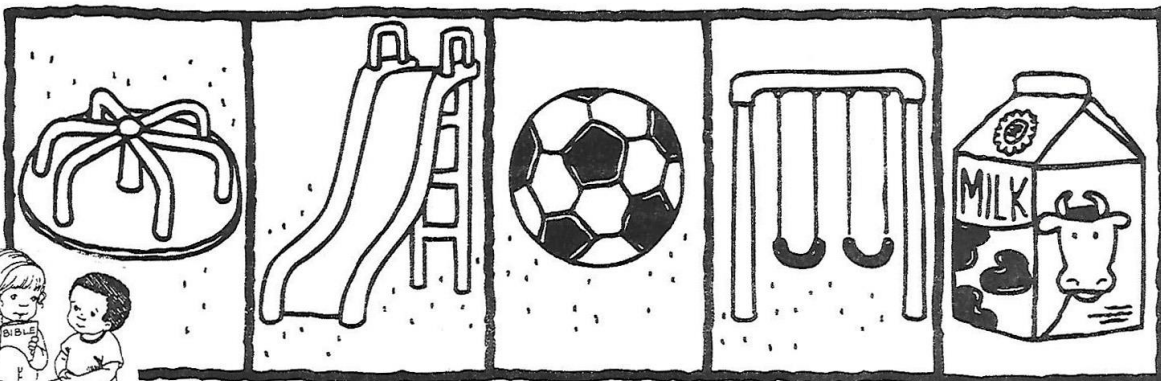
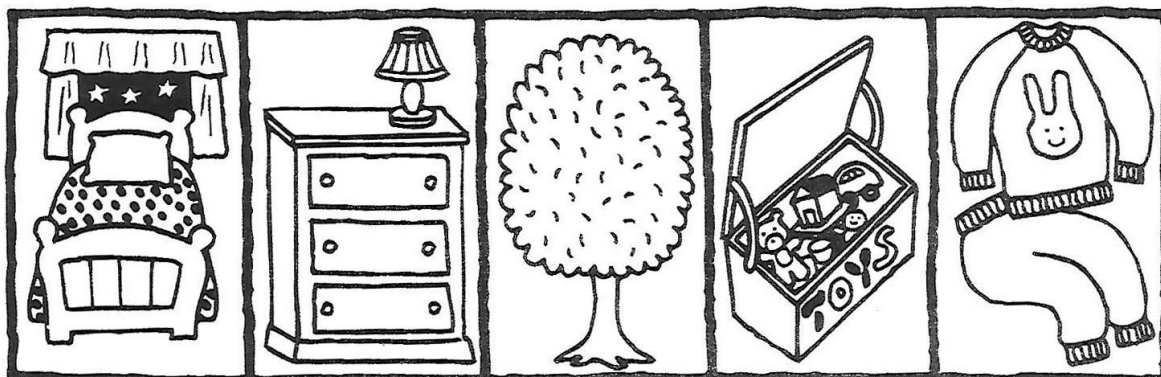
**"Keep me as the apple of Your eye."  
(Psalm 17:8)**

# Children's Camp

Gospel Light's Big Book of Kindergarten Puzzles.

Puzzle 4

In each row, draw an ✕ on the objects that don't belong.



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

**Look Here:**  
*God said, "I am with you and will watch  
over you wherever you go."*  
(Genesis 28:15)

## Digging In:

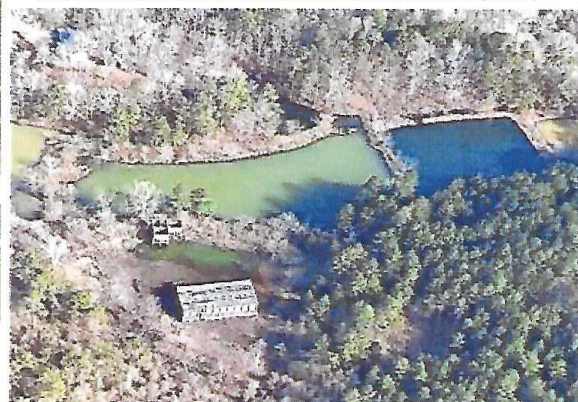
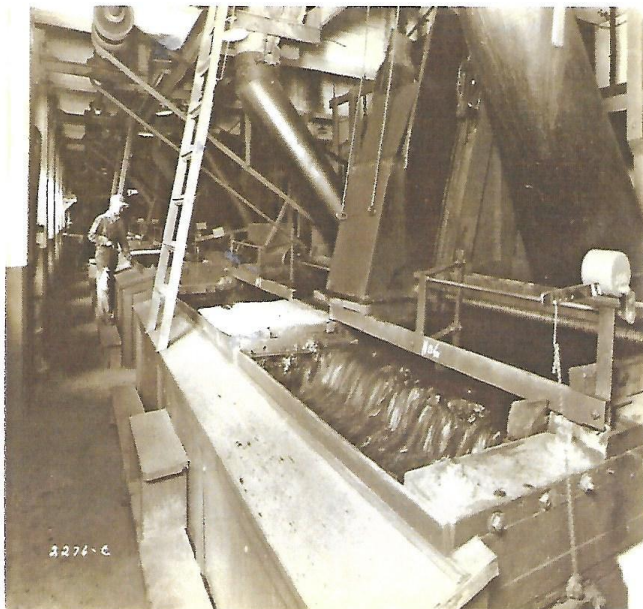
God will always love you and be with you.  
God is with you during the day or at night.  
God is with you wherever you go.

God is with you at school or at home.  
God is with you on the playground or the pool.  
God is with you at the store or at church.

















## The Acmar Community Quilt

One aspect of the early coal mining industry was the need to be able to sell "clean" coal. Miners dug and shoveled coal into a mine car on which they had hung their identifying check tag. Their paycheck would be determined by the amount of actual coal in each car and deducted by any unreasonable amount of dirt or rock included. Evidently, this was not a big problem with the coal from the Acton mines. But coal from the Margaret and Acmar mines needed to be "washed" before it could be sold. In the area between Acmar and White's Chapel, Acmar Fuel & Iron Company built a large coal washing facility near the Colgate Power plant which was also near what is now called Little Black Creek. (Some people said that creek's name eventually came from how the coal washing made the water look black.) The community that grew up nearby, which became known as the "Washer Camp," also included a church. Coal from the Margaret and Acmar mines was brought by railroads to the washing facility. Above the main entrance was the name H.F. DeBardeleben, July 1911. Some of the main parts of that facility stand abandoned in a heavily wooded area today. Our thanks to local pilot Henry Turner, Jr. for this recent aerial view.





## August 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  <b>CHURCH</b> 9 am	2	3	4 MCA  Moody Park 9:30 am go Talladega Museum	5	6	7
8  <b>CHURCH 9</b> Joseph Grant Howard	9	10  Linda Lee	11  Alexa Wimberly	12	13	14  Leigh Byers
15  <b>CHURCH</b> 9 am Adam Byers Merritt Champion	16	17	18  MCA 3-5 White's Chapel Martha Womack	19	20	21  Adrian Cruz  Phil Howard
22  <b>CHURCH</b> 9 am Meeting 10 am	23	24	25	26  Coleman Cash Gable	27	28
29  <b>CHURCH</b> 9 am Sp. Offering Individual & Family	30  Beau Lamphear	31			Audio Sermon Podcasts on Acmar UMC Website	<i>Soul Miner</i> at Acmar UMC Website in the Gallery

### SOUL FOOD FOR AUGUST

Mon., August 2      2 Samuel 11:26 - 12:13a  
 Tue., August 3      Psalm 51:1-12  
 Wed., August 4      Ephesians 4:1-16  
 Thur., August 5      John 6:24-35  
 Fri., August 6      1 Corinthians 1:4-9  
 Sat., August 7      Hebrews 10:19-23

Mon., August 9      2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33  
 Tue., August 10      Psalm 130  
 Wed., August 11      Ephesians 4:25 - 5:2  
 Thur., August 12      John 6:35, 41-49  
 Fri., August 13      Ephesians 2:1-10  
 Sat., August 14      1 John 1:8-10



Mon., August 16      1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14  
 Tue., August 17      Psalm 111  
 Wed., August 18      Ephesians 5:15-20  
 Thur., August 19      Mark 6:51-58  
 Fri., August 20      Matthew 25:14-30  
 Sat., August 21      1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

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 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 23      1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43  
 Tue., August 24      Psalm 84  
 Wed., August 25      Ephesians 6:10-20  
 Thur., August 26      John 6:56-69  
 Fri., August 27      Habakkuk 2:1-4  
 Sat., August 28      Luke 2:7-12

Mon., August 30      Song of Solomon 2:8-13  
 Tue., August 31      Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9  
 Wed., September 1      James 1:17-27  
 Thur., September 2      Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23  
 Fri., September 3      Colossians 3:12-17  
 Sat., September 4      Psalm 89:1-2