

The Acmar Soul Miner

Searching for wisdom

As for hidden treasures...

For the Lord gives wisdom



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Mortality

Ancient scholars Tertullian (160-225) and Jerome (345-420) referenced Roman stories.

In ancient Rome, after a general triumphed in an epic victory, he would be paraded atop a gleaming chariot down the capital's central thoroughfares from dawn to dusk.

The crowd would roar. The general would bask in the adoration, reveling in the greatest honor of his life. However, legend has it that a servant stood behind the general the entire day, whispering into his ear, *Memento mori* ("Remember you will die").

Amid all the adulation, the general desperately needed the humility that came with remembering that he was mortal.¹

What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes.
(James 4:14)

When Jesus was physically here on earth, He knew that His days were numbered. He alerted His disciples as to the upcoming days.

Jesus said, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be betrayed to the chief priests and to the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death, deliver Him to the Gentiles to mock and to scourge and to crucify. And the third day He will rise again."

(Matthew 20:18-19)

In the midst of shortened days and upcoming suffering, Jesus offered hope in resurrection.

During the Christian season of Lent, we spiritually walk that journey with Jesus toward the cross. We remember our own mortality, our need to confess our sins, our willingness to carry our own cross, and our hope of resurrection for eternal life.

Lent is a season of forty days not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Saturday. This year Ash Wednesday is on March 2, 2022 and Holy Saturday is April 16, 2022.

Lent comes from the Anglo-Saxon word *lencten*, which means "spring." The season is a preparation for celebrating Easter. Easter is Resurrection Sunday on April 17, 2022.

Early Christians observed with devotion the days of Christ's passion and resurrection. Historically, around 325, Lent began as a period of fasting and preparation for baptism by converts. It was also a time for persons separated from the faith community to be reconciled to the Church. Then, it became a time of penance by all Christians.

It is forty days for self-examination and repentance. It is days for prayer, fasting, and self-denial. It is days for reading and meditating on God's Holy Word. It is days for seeking God and renewing one's faith.

Lent is a time for all Christians to begin or renew their faith in the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession.

Let us come boldly to the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. (Hebrews 4:14, 16)

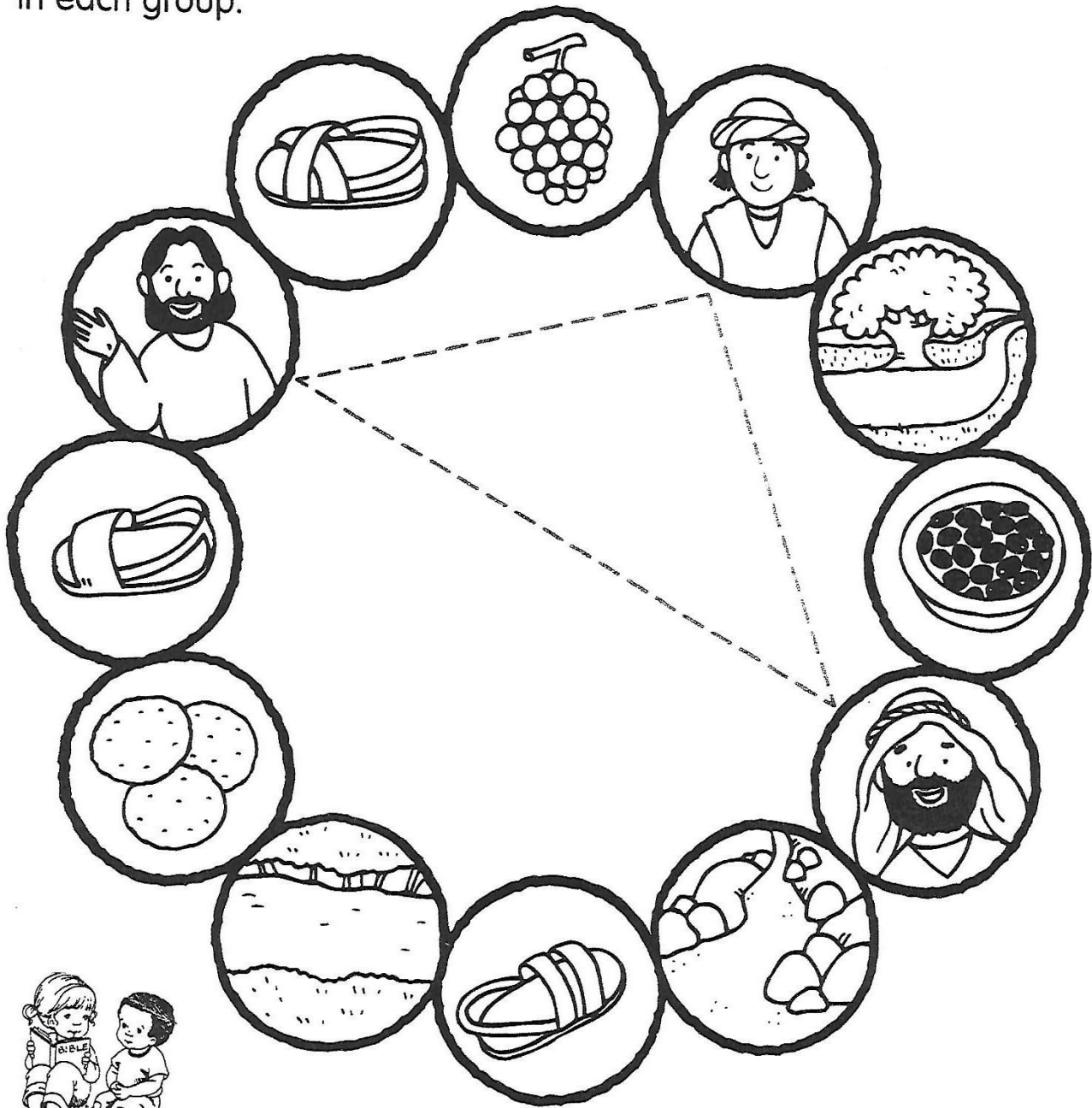
¹Collier, Winn. *Our Daily Bread*.
January, February, March 2022. February 9.
Grand Rapids, MI: Our Daily Bread Ministries.

Children's Camp

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



Draw lines to connect the 3 things that belong in each group.



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

Look Here:

***Jesus drew near and walked with them. He
explained all the Scriptures about Himself.
(Luke 24:15, 27)***

Digging In:

Jesus walked and talked with His friends.
They were glad Jesus was with them.

Though we can't see Him with our eyes,
Jesus is with us too.
We are glad Jesus is with us.

The Acmar Community Quilt

Have you ever heard of the term, "Low Flow Augmentation"? Don't feel bad if you haven't. Most of the people in Acmar had never heard of it until the mid 1970s.




















Rumors began to swirl that Acmar could be flooded giving some local residents waterfront properties much like what had happened near Pell City creating Logan Martin Lake. Some people were thinking that waterfront property would make them wealthy as it had some people near Pell City. But not everyone was on board with that idea. Some people loved Acmar just the way it was!

Acmar residents at that time did not have capabilities to research this on the internet as we can do today, so the term Low Flow Augmentation was not easily explained or understood. According to some internet water standards' sites; "The term 'Flow augmentation' as it applies to the area of reclamation can be defined as 'The release of water stored in a reservoir or other impoundment to increase the natural flow of a stream'. Questions have been raised about the propriety of the use of low flow augmentation as an alternative to treatment by point sources to meet water quality standards. Some point source dischargers have proposed to augment stream flow either through impoundment and subsequent release or by adding water from another water body or groundwater. While EPA policy does not categorically forbid the use of flow augmentation or dilution to meet water quality standards, EPA policy discourages the use of flow augmentation as an alternative to treatment for meeting water quality standards. Low flow augmentation cannot be considered as a substitute for the use of adequate treatment to meet water quality standards."

Don't feel bad if you're still confused. All most people knew was that the area would be flooded to supplement Lake Purdy for the benefit of the Birmingham area. Not all homes would be lost, but there would be no access to any homes left on higher ground. Public hearings were announced and several residents of Acmar attended. It was explained that the area would become a sort of flushing basin to supplement water treatment for Birmingham. Water levels would be high in winter and low in summer, so no waterskiing or recreational activities would be likely. Property owners would be "compensated." Some residents took their turn to voice their concerns they felt were falling on "deaf ears". One person asked, "How do you compensate widows whose husbands had been miners, who now depended on their friends and church families? How do you compensate neighbors who had lived there all their lives, had stayed on after the mines closed, and looked out for each other during hard times? The response was always, "fair market value."

Residents were told it would come to some kind of vote and voting representatives would be based on population numbers. (It seemed likely that Birmingham's population would be higher than Acmar's!) They left the hearings feeling discouraged and angry. What a great surprise it was to later learn that the project had been stopped by the Environmental Protection Agency! Apparently the headwaters of the Cahaba River are located near Acmar! And, at that time, Big Black Creek and Little Black Creek were some of the few unpolluted streams, so the EPA put an end to the low flow augmentation plan and our community was saved.

March 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Spring Clock Forward 1 Hour March 13		1	2 Bible Study 10 a  MCA 3-5 p ASH WEDNESDAY Emily Sims	3	4  Dava Walker	5  Harold Turner
6  CHURCH 9 am	7	8	9  Bible Study 10 am	10  Moody BINGO 10 a	11	12
13  CHURCH 9 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS	14  Ron Smith	15	16 Bible Study 10 a  MCA 3-5 p White's Chapel	17  ST. PATRICK'S DAY	18	19
20  CHURCH 9 FIRST DAY SPRING	21  Chloe Byrd	22	23 Bible Study 10  Melody June Lamphear	24	25	26
27  CHURCH 9 am	28  Steven Lamphear	29  Debbie Bosworth  Michael Wilson	30  Bible Study 10 am	31  Barbara Shrum	Bible Study "You Were Made For This Moment"	Esther Inspires Us to Stand for God / DVD Lucado

Soul Food for March

Mon., February 28
 Tue., March 1
 Wed., March 2
 Thur., March 3
 Fri., March 4
 Sat., March 5

Deuteronomy 26:1-11
 Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
 Romans 10:8-13
 Luke 4:1-13
 Ecclesiastes 11:1-6
 Psalm 23:1-6

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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., March 7
 Tue., March 8
 Wed., March 9
 Thur., March 10
 Fri., March 11
 Sat., March 12

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18
 Psalm 27
 Philippians 3:17 - 4:1
 Luke 13:31-35
 1 Samuel 16:1-13
 John 17:17-26



Mon., March 21
 Tue., March 22
 Wed., March 23
 Thur., March 24
 Fri., March 25
 Sat., March 26

Joshua 5:9-12
 Psalm 32
 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
 Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
 1 Corinthians 3:5-11
 Psalm 139:1-10

Mon., March 14
 Tue., March 15
 Wed., March 16
 Thur., March 17
 Fri., March 18
 Sat., March 19

Isaiah 55:1-9
 Psalm 63:1-8
 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
 Luke 13:1-9
 Psalm 119:25-32
 Matthew 6:1-4

Mon., March 28
 Tue., March 29
 Wed., March 30
 Thur., March 31
 Fri., April 1
 Sat., April 2

Isaiah 43:16-21
 Psalm 126
 Philippians 3:4b-14
 John 12:1-8
 Psalm 8:1-9
 Luke 8:43-46