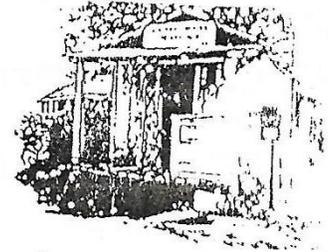


The Acmar Soul Miner

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



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Sweetest Name I Know

"A person's name is the sweetest sound," said Dale Carnegie. In the early to mid 1900's Carnegie was an American writer, lecturer and developer of courses on self-improvement, salesmanship, corporate training and public speaking. He authored a book titled, "How to Win Friends and Influence People."

While many people might find their own name the sweetest sound in the world, Luther B. Bridgers wrote a song about a different name.

He Keeps Me Singing

*There's within my heart a melody
Jesus whispers sweet and low,
"Fear not, I am with thee – peace, be still,"
In all of life's ebb and flow.*

*All my life was wrecked by sin and strife,
Discord filled my heart with pain;
Jesus swept across the broken strings,
Stirr'd the slumb'ring chords again.*

*Feasting on the riches of His grace,
Resting 'neath His shel-t'ring wing,
Always looking on His smiling face –
That is why I shout and sing.*

*Tho sometimes He leads thru waters deep,
Trials fall across the way,
Tho sometimes the path seems rough and
steep,
See His footprints all the way.*

*Soon He's coming back to welcome me
Far beyond the starry sky;
I shall wing my flight to worlds unknown,
I shall reign with Him on high.*

Refrain

*Jesus, Jesus - Sweetest name I know,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus - Sweetest name I know
Fills my longing, Keeps me singing as I go.
Fills my every longing,
Keeps me singing as I go.*

Luther Bridgers was a minister in the Methodist Episcopal Church South and a local and world evangelist. After Bridgers wrote the words to the song, he picked out the jaunty melody. His wife's sister wrote down the notes he played to complete the song. "He Keeps Me Singing" was published in 1910.

The following year trials fell across his way. Bridgers was preaching a revival at Middlesboro, Kentucky. He left his wife and three sons with her parents in Harrodsburg, Kentucky. On March 26, 1911 after the conclusion of the revival, he received a phone call that his wife, Sarah, and three sons, ages 5, 3 and 7 months, lost their lives in a fire.

Bridgers kept singing. He remarried and had a long ministry until retirement in 1945.¹

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus - Sweetest Name I Know was not left to chance. Mary, a virgin in Nazareth, was told by the angel Gabriel,

"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God.

"And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS."

Luke 1:30-31

This One called "Jesus" is the beloved Son of God and the Savior of the world. He said that the ones who follow Him will know His voice.

After Jesus was crucified for the sins of the world and arose from the dead, He spoke the name of another Mary. As soon as He said, "Mary," she knew Him (John 20:16). Listen for Jesus to call your name. Your name will never have sounded any sweeter.

¹ Discipleship Ministries of The United Methodist Church. History of Hymns, Dr. Hawn.

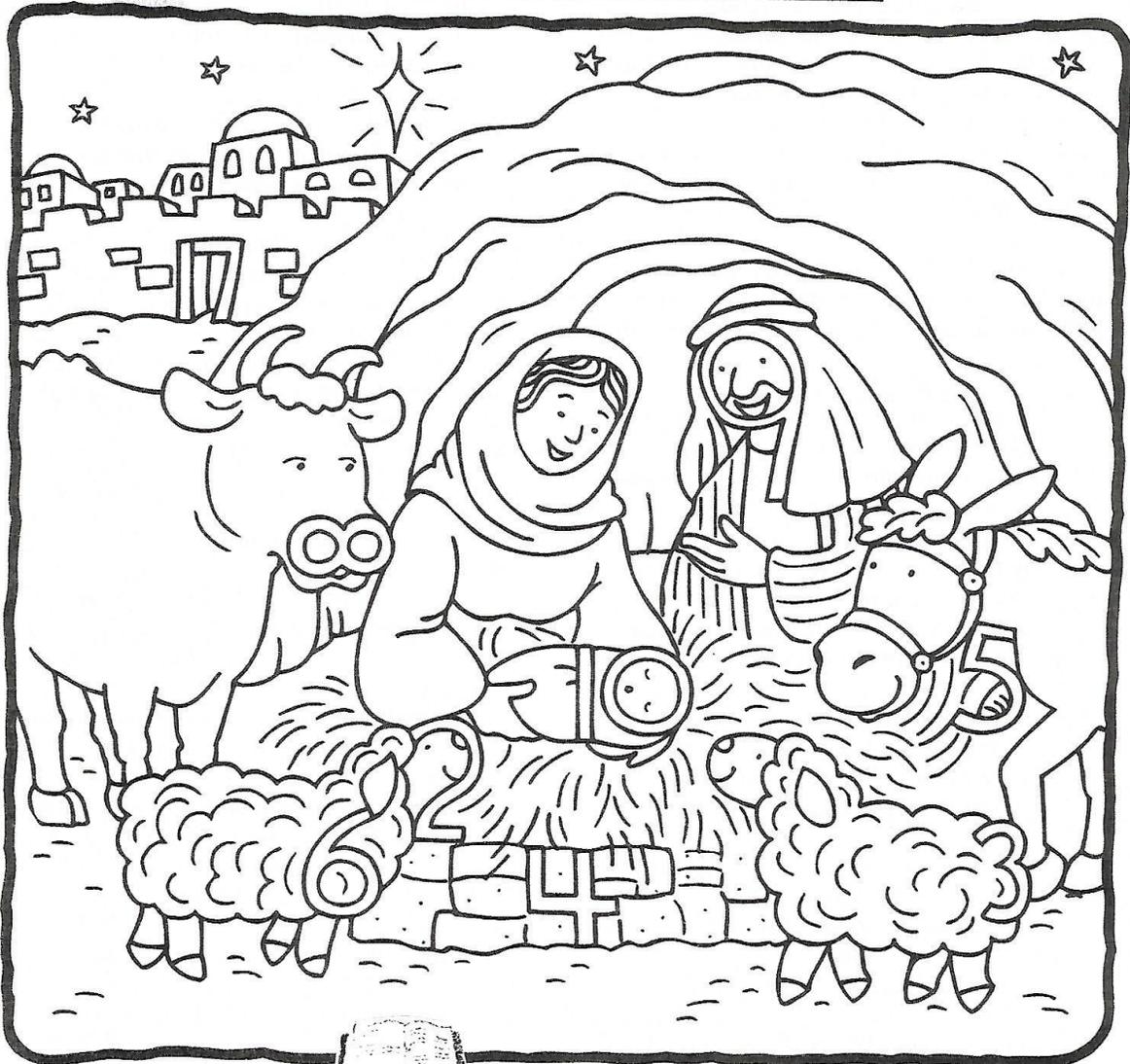
Children's Camp

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

Find and draw a ○ around the numbers 1 to 10 hidden in the picture.



1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10



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

Look Here:
Mary wrapped her Son in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room in the inn. (Luke 2:7)

Digging In:
An angel told Mary she would have a baby.
This baby would be God's Son.
The angel said to name Him Jesus.

Mary named her baby boy, Jesus.
Jesus is the Savior, Christ the Lord.

The Acmar Community Quilt

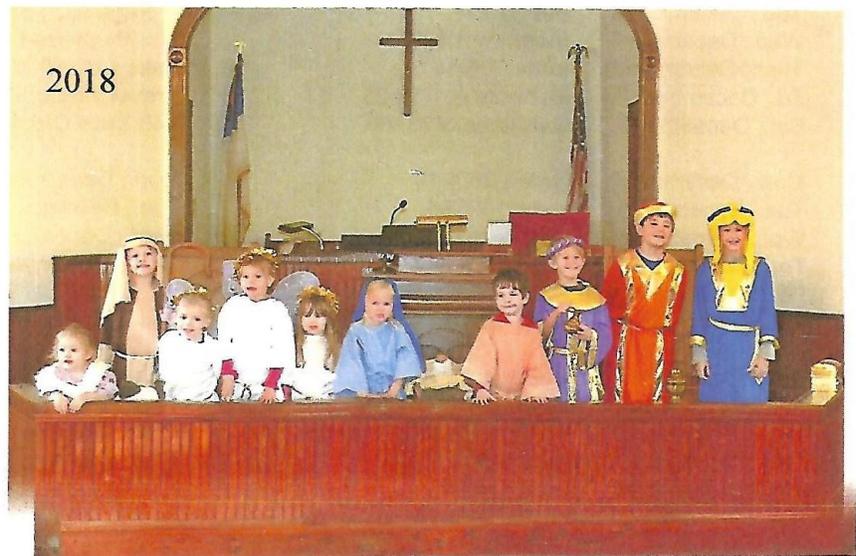
Story has it that St. Francis of Assisi was the first to create a nativity scene in 1223, after he had visited the Holy Land and had seen what was said to be the birthplace of Jesus. At a time when many people could not read, he used the scene to teach communities about the birth of Christ. Over the years many aspects of the story have not been strictly adhered to according to the Bible, but still taught the basic concepts of the nativity story.

Modern scenes have the manger in a wooden stable instead of what was possibly a cave, with angels, shepherds, and three wise men who followed a star all arriving very soon after the baby's birth in the manger. While that is not totally "biblical", it still teaches the important aspects of the story. Eventually nativity scenes would portray very different cultures and places unlike what would have been in the Holy Land, but was a way to teach that Jesus was not limited in where believers might be found and children especially could better relate to the story if it posed a scene similar to where they lived. Generations of children have grown up learning about the nativity story by participating in programs as characters from the story and singing songs that tell the story. Most will not be able to tell you much about what their pastor said early on, but the memories and songs they learned as children of Christmases past return with smiles.



After many years with no small children in the Acmar church, Ralph and Wanda Powell brought the programs back in the early 1980s. When they participated in the Christmas program shown in 1983, each child was given a tiny plastic nativity scene ornament that, for some, has been a sweet reminder when it's brought out each Christmas. It is also wonderful to

note that many of the children in more recent programs are actually children who have a parent in the photo from "Christmas Around the World" in 1983.



December 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 1 CHURCH Children's Play 9 am Terrie Denny 	2	3	 MCA 3-5 pm White's Chapel	5	6	7
 8 CHURCH 9 am Community Christmas 2 Sis Bosworth  Walter Cash 	9	 Yvonne Howard	11	 Jimmy Byers  Elliott Lowery	 Christine Garrett  Joseph Howard	Ladies 14 LADIES AT NANCY'S 1 p Moody Christmas Parade 5 pm 
 15 CHURCH 9 am	16	17	 MCA 3-5 pm Carpenetti 6  Ava Anderson Lenae Wimberly 	19	20	21
 22 CHURCH 9 Cantata WINTER Jane Byers 	 Debbie Kendrick	 CHRISTMAS EVE	 CHRISTMAS DAY	 Ti Carpenter	27	28
 29 CHURCH 9 am Offering UMCOR 	30	 NEW YEAR'S EVE				

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

Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 71:1-7, 18-19
Matthew 3:1-12
Luke 1:5-15
Ephesians 1:15-23
Galatians 3:23-29

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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., December 9
 Tue., December 10
 Wed., December 11
 Thur., December 12
 Fri., December 13
 Sat., December 14

Isaiah 35:1-10
Luke 1:46-55
Matthew 11:2-11
Luke 1:26-38
Matthew 6:25-34
John 15:1-8

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

Isaiah 63:7-9
Psalm 148
Hebrews 2:10-18
Luke 2:1-20
Psalm 119:65-72
Mark 16:1-8

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

Isaiah 7:10-16
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Romans 1:1-7
Matthew 1:18-25
Luke 1:46-55
Psalm 86:1-13

Mon., December 30
 Tue., December 31
 Wed., January 1
 Thur., January 2

Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3
Psalm 148
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:22-40