



## The Acmar Soul Miner

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



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### Leap of Faith

Wood ducks build their nests in hollow, rotted tree cavities, which are sometimes up to 60 feet above the ground. Within a day of hatching, the ducklings climb out of their nests.

Following their mother's beckoning call, the ducklings take a leap of faith from the safety and comfort of the nest and fall to the ground below before making their way to the water where their mother awaits.

The ducklings do not hesitate to follow the voice they know and trust. They make this jump before they have learned to fly; yet they trust the call to come.<sup>1</sup>

Mary, a virgin betrothed to Joseph, became the blessed mother of Jesus Christ because she was willing to take a leap of faith.

An angel greeted her with this greeting:  
***"Rejoice, highly favored one, the Lord is with you; blessed are you among women!"***

Mary was troubled but the angel said to her,  
***"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name JESUS."***

***"He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David."***

***"He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."***  
(Luke 1:28-33)

Mary said to the angel, ***"How can this be since I do not know a man?"***

***The angel answered, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God." (Luke 1:34-35)***

Mary took a leap of faith and said, ***"Behold the maidservant of the Lord! Let it be to me according to your word." (Luke 1:38)***

Likewise, Joseph, Mary's betrothed, took a leap of faith. Joseph was a just man and was concerned about what to do about Mary.

In a dream, an angel of the Lord said,  
***"Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit."***

***"She will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins." (Matthew 1:20-21)***

***"Being aroused from sleep, Joseph did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife,"***

***"And did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS." (Matthew 1:24-25)***

Mary and Joseph both took a leap of faith when they heard God's call on their lives. Jesus grew up and called disciples to know Him as Lord and Savior. He is the Good Shepherd to those who will hear His voice.

***My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. (John 10:27)***

Hear Jesus' voice and take a leap of faith and follow Jesus wherever He calls you.

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<sup>1</sup> *The Upper Room November-December 2021. Page 15, "Following the Call" by Jessica E. Dutton.*

# Children's Camp

Gospel Light's Big Book of Kindergarten Puzzles.

## Puzzle 27

Complete the dot-to-dots to see who is talking to Mary and who is in Joseph's dream.



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

### Look Here:

**An angel told Mary, "You will have a Son  
and shall call His name Jesus." (Luke 1:31)**

### Digging In:

An angel appeared to Joseph in a dream.

The angel said, "**Take Mary to be your wife,  
for she will have a Son. You shall call His  
name Jesus, for He will save His people  
from their sins.**" (Matthew 1:20-21)





## The Acmar Community Quilt

As more holidays approach and families are getting together to celebrate, you can be sure to find some 'tried and true' dishes on the table. In 2006, we began collecting some of our favorite recipes that were later used in our cookbook "Food for the Soul" that quickly sold out. If you missed out on getting a copy, here are just a few favorite sweet treats handed down from past generations with connections to Acmar. Enjoy!

### Wanda Powell's Date Nut Balls

1 ½ sticks butter 1 8 oz pkg seedless dates ¾ c sugar 2 c Rice Krispies 1 tsp vanilla extract 1c chopped pecans powdered sugar

Put butter, dates, and sugar in a sauce pan and slowly bring to boil. Boil for 10 minutes stirring often. Remove from stove and add vanilla. Mix thoroughly and set aside. Combine Rice Krispies and pecans in a mixing bowl. Mix in date mixture and set aside to cool. When cool enough to handle, roll into small balls and then roll them in powdered sugar.

### Elma Turner's Pound Cake

2c all-purpose flour 2c sugar 1 stick butter 1/2c shortening 6 eggs 1 ½ tsp vanilla 1 ½ tsp butter flavor 1 ½ tsp lemon flavor pinch of salt

Combine all ingredients into a large mixing bowl. Beat 10 minutes on medium speed scraping bowl constantly. Divide batter into 2 greased or sprayed w/cooking oil loaf pans or 1 bundt pan. Bake at 325 ° for 50 minutes or until rises and crust cracks on top. Let set for 15 minutes and then invert cake onto a plate.

### Tielle Deramus' Chocolate Pie

1c sugar ¼ tsp salt 3 ½ T cornstarch 3 ½ T cocoa 2 ¼ c milk 3 eggs 1 tsp vanilla 2T butter Baked pie shell

Scald milk Combine dry ingredients and mix well and add to milk. Separate eggs and beat yolks until light yellow. Add some of the hot mixture to temper eggs then stir the egg mixture into the hot milk mixture and cook until thick.

Meringue Topping: Beat 3 egg whites with ¼ tsp cream of tartar and gradually add ¼ c sugar and beat until forms peaks. Bake at 350° until light brown.

### Sis Bosworth's Quickie Peach Pie

1 stick butter 1 c sugar 1 c flour 1 ½ tsp vanilla flavoring 1 large can sliced peaches ½ c milk

Melt butter in a 2 qt casserole dish. In a mixing bowl, drain the juice from peaches and set peaches aside. Add into mixing bowl sugar, flour, vanilla, and milk then mix thoroughly. Pour over the butter in the dish Drop in peaches over the batter Bake in 400 ° oven for 30 -45 minutes until golden brown.

### Jessie Turner's Banana Pudding

1 ½ c sugar ½ c flour 12 oz can evaporated milk 1 beaten egg ¼ stick butter 1 tsp vanilla flavoring 7 large bananas 6 oz vanilla wafers

In a large sauce pan, stir sugar, flour, milk egg and butter until mixed well. Cook over medium heat stirring often until it thickens. Add vanilla and mix well. In a 2 quart casserole dish alternately layer sliced bananas, vanilla wafers and pudding mixture with wafers on top.

### Theatis Ash Jackson's Orange Balls

1 c crushed vanilla wafers ½ c frozen orange juice Thawed & undiluted ¾ c powdered sugar ¾ c grated coconut ½ c chopped pecans

Mix vanilla wafers, orange juice, powdered sugar, coconut and pecans. Roll into balls and refrigerate. Makes about 75 balls.

### Vera Rowell's Congealed Cranberry Relish

3 (3oz) boxes raspberry Jell-O 1 ½ c sugar 2 oranges peels & diced 1 sm can crushed pineapple, drained

1 pkg fresh cranberries 1 c finely chopped celery 1 c finely chopped nuts.

Dissolve Jell-O in 3 c hot water. Add sugar and let soft set. Fold in pineapple, cranberries, oranges, celery and nuts. Refrigerate several hours before serving.

### Betty Wilson's Popcorn Balls

1 c sugar 1/3 c light corn syrup 1/3 c water ¼ c butter ¾ tsp salt ¾ tsp vanilla 3 qt popcorn

Mix sugar, syrup, butter, water & salt in a sauce pan. Cook, stirring only until sugar dissolves. Then continue cooking without stirring until syrup forms a brittle ball when dropped into cold water. Add vanilla and stir only until it's mixed. Place popcorn in a very large bowl and slowly pour mixture over it and mix well. Wet your hands slightly and shape mixture into balls. Use only enough pressure to make the ball stick together. Makes about 12 balls depending on how big you make them.

## December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Bible Study "Christmas Gifts That Won't Break"	Bible Study Wednesday December 1, 8, 15 & 22 Acmar 10 a		1 Bible Study 10 a MCA 3-5 Terrie Denny	2	3	4 <i>Ladies</i> Vaccinated Ladies at Nancy's 11:30-1:30
5  CHURCH 9 am	6	7	8 Bible Study 10 a Sis Bosworth Walter Cash	9	10 Yvonne Howard Michael Wolfe	11 Moody "Disney" Christmas Parade 5 pm
12 CHURCH 9 Jimmy Byers Elliott Lowery	13 Christine Garrett Joseph Howard	14	15 Bible Study 10 am MCA 3-5 p White's Chapel	16 Toni Knie	17	18 Ava Anderson Lenae Wimberly
19 CHURCH 9 Walter Cash Preaching	20	21  FIRST DAY OF WINTER	22 Bible Study 10 a Jane Byers	23 Debbie Kendrick	24  CHRISTMAS EVE	25  CHRISTMAS DAY
26 CHURCH 9 am Ti Carpenter	27	28	29	30	31  NEW YEAR'S EVE	Audio Sermon Podcasts on the Acmar UMC Website

### SOUL FOOD FOR DECEMBER

Mon., November 29 Malachi 3:1-4  
Tue., November 30 Luke 1:68-79  
Wed., December 1 Philippians 1:3-11  
Thur., December 2 Luke 3:1-6  
Fri., December 3 Luke 1:26-38  
Sat., December 4 Luke 1:39-56

Mon., December 6 Zephaniah 3:14-20  
Tue., December 7 Isaiah 12:2-6  
Wed., December 8 Philippians 4:4-7  
Thur., December 9 Luke 3:7-18  
Fri., December 10 Matthew 1:18-25  
Sat., December 11 Luke 2:57-63

Mon., December 13 Micah 5:2-5a  
Tue., December 14 Luke 1:39-45  
Wed., December 15 Hebrews 10:5-10  
Thur., December 16 Luke 1:46-56  
Fri., December 17 Luke 1:57-66  
Sat., December 18 Luke 1:67-80



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Travel 1 mile; Right on Acmar Rd; travel 2 miles;  
Left onto Old Acton Rd.; Church is on the left

Mon., December 20 1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26  
Tue., December 21 Psalm 148  
Wed., December 22 Colossians 3:12-17  
Thur., December 23 Luke 2:41-52  
Fri., December 24 Luke 2:1-7  
Sat., December 25 Luke 2:8-20

Mon., December 27 Isaiah 60:1-6  
Tue., December 28 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14  
Wed., December 29 Ephesians 3:1-12  
Thur., December 30 Matthew 2:1-12  
Fri., December 31 Psalm 30:1-12  
Sat., January 1 Mark 4:35-41