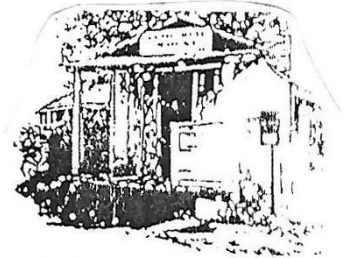


The Acmar Soul Miner

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



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A is for Animal / B is for Blessing

According to the Bible, fish, birds, creeping things and animals were created before humans. God knew that human life would be better with these other living creatures.

In some cases, people have moved following flight patterns of migratory birds. They reasoned that they must be going somewhere. In times past, birds were trained to carry messages from one person to another.

Bluegills are a common fish swimming in American rivers, lakes, streams and ponds. With the threat of terrorism, they are being used in big cities to monitor drinking water. They are highly attuned to chemical disturbances in their environment and will begin to "cough" flexing their gills to expel unwanted particles. Such actions alert human monitoring systems.

Dogs can not only sniff out a good meal but can be trained to search for lost persons or detect the scent of narcotics or explosives. Some breeds thrive as service dogs for persons who need assistance in a variety of areas including detecting oncoming seizures.

In the Bible there are several interesting stories in which "living beings" have assisted in the survival of humans.

The dove returned to the ark with a freshly plucked olive leaf. Noah knew that the waters had receded from the earth (Genesis 8:11).

When the Angel of the Lord stood with sword drawn in a narrow path between two walls, Balaam's donkey refused to move forward lest his master be killed (Numbers 22:27).

During a drought in the land of Israel, the prophet Elijah drank from the brook and the ravens brought him bread and meat in the mornings and evenings (1 Kings 17:6).

When Jonah was thrown into the sea, a great fish swallowed him. Jonah was in the belly of the fish for three days and nights and then the fish vomited the living Jonah onto dry land (Jonah 1:17; 2:10).

As noted in The United Methodist Book of Worship, "The animals of God's creation inhabit the skies, the earth, and the sea. They share in the fortunes of human existence and have a part in human life."¹

L is for Llama. Originating in Peru, llamas are a South American relative of the camel. Llamas are prized as both pets and pack-animals who help with transportation. Along with recent popularity in games, clothing, jewelry, toys and even an official llama emoji, llamas are being touted as stress relievers.

No matter the living creature which is soothing your soul, it probably has a special place in making your life better and making you a better person.

We would like to join with you in being grateful for your pet and giving it a blessing. A blessing of prayer is not to make the animal good but to be thankful that the animal is good. We also delight in hearing some of your "special pet moments."

Acmar United Methodist Church invites you to:

Blessing of Animals
Sunday, October 20, 2019
Anytime between 3:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Pavilion by Miracle League Field
City of Moody Park

Everyone is invited. Come and meet "Llama Hoppy" who is coming for a blessing. For information, call Belinda Wilson at 640-6719.

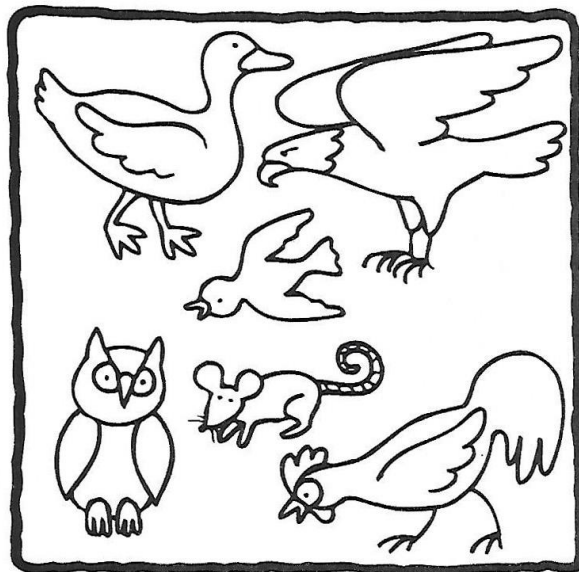
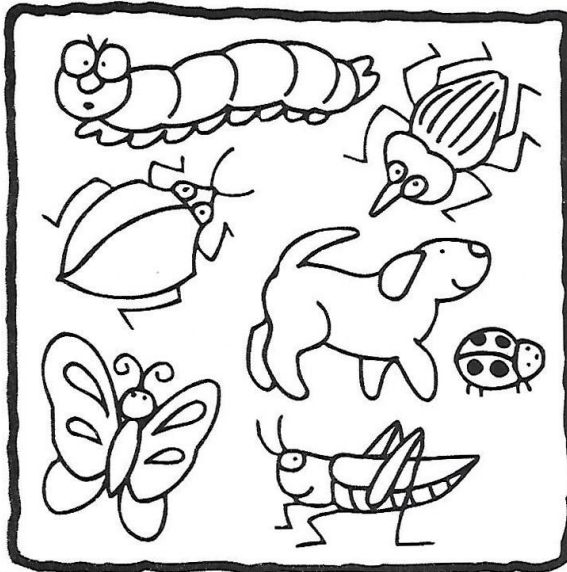
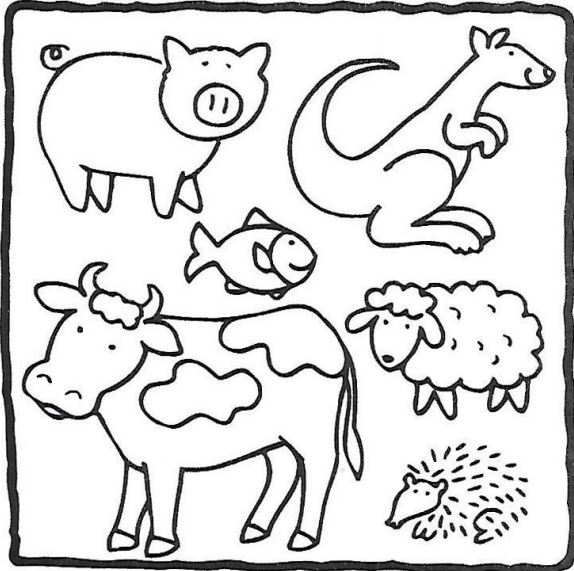
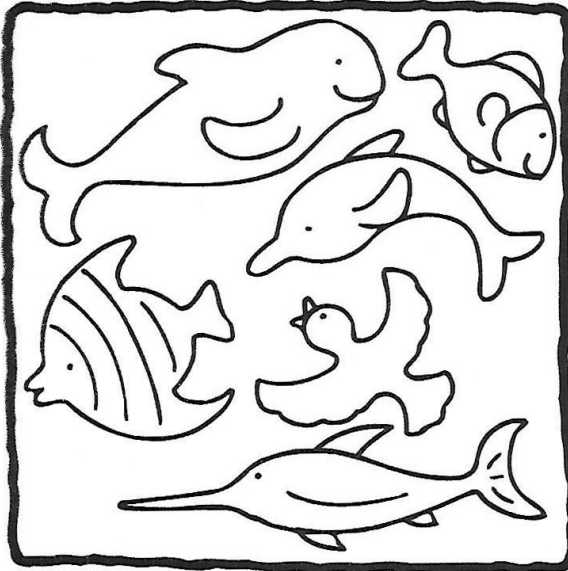
¹The United Methodist Book of Worship.
United Methodist Publishing, 1992, page 608.

Children's Camp

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



In each group, draw an ✕ on the one that doesn't belong.



How many fish are there? _____

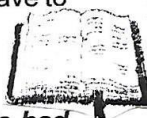
How many birds are there? _____

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 saw all that He had made, and it was very good." Genesis 1:31



Digging In:

God made all the living creatures in the world. There are insects, birds, reptiles and animals. God also made people.

God looked at everything He had made and said that it was good.

The Acmar Community Quilt

Before the Acmar post office moved to Moody, there were no signs designating names of roads in the area. So, many times in giving someone directions to Acmar, one would say, "Turn right at Minnie Lee's store." Even today, many long-time residents refer to something as happening near Minnie Lee's store, even though it hasn't been "Minnie Lee's store" for many years. But for several decades, Minnie Lee's store was the closest store to Acmar, and everyone who has ever lived in Acmar has nostalgic memories of that store. As one person pointed out, even in the 1960s, you felt like you were stepping back in time. When asked what they remembered about Minnie Lee's store, most folks commented about many of the same things.

The parking area was mostly dirt and gravel and many of the customers walked there or kids sometimes rode their bikes, so finding a parking space was seldom an issue. There were metal chairs on the front porch that were usually filled with old men who would hang around for hours catching up on local news or swapping tall tales. To one side of the parking lot were two gas pumps. Entering through a screen door, you stepped onto hardwood floors that often squeaked and showed the wear of many people over many years. To the right, products hung on metal racks, but your eyes were drawn to the long wooden counter that ran along most of the wall on that side. It exemplified what anyone would think of being in a 'rustic' country store today. All along the front of the counter were long vertical glass displays of dried beans or seeds and an old fashioned cash register sat on the top along with an assortment of "penny" candy. Behind the counter was "Miss Minnie Lee" herself, sometimes standing, sometimes sitting on a stool with her bad leg propped up while she ate her lunch between customers. (Rumor has it she kept a gun under the counter, but no one remembers her ever having to use it.) There was also usually a fly-flap in easy reach. There was no need for her to get up since everybody knew where everything was. You brought your items to the counter or told her how much gas you got. She rang it up or picked up her "credit" book and flipped over pages 'til she found your family's name and entered the amount there. Minnie knew her customers and she knew who she could trust with credit until payday. She kept in stock items people might need in a 'pinch' like cooking & canning supplies, oil lamps, candles, garden supplies, livestock feed, some clothing, kerosene, gasoline, and in later years, a chest "cooler" with sliding metal lids on top that would open to reveal ice cream treats and drinks. As this was long before product expiration dates, some items might have telltale signs of age like faded labels or a bit of dust on top. Minnie was a shrewd businesswoman and was always welcoming, even though she looked a little stern with her gray hair pulled back in a bun. Some young teens would often skip riding the school bus home in the afternoon so they could go to Minnie Lee's store for a Lotto-a-Cola and a Moon Pie to enjoy as they walked home. (They would also try to buy cigarettes, but Miss Minnie refused to sell them any until they were sixteen.)

The store was built by Andrew Jackson Coupland, Minnie Lee's father. Early on, it was leased and run by Leon & Madelyn Grusin. The 1930 census has Minnie and her husband, Clarence Lee, living in Acmar, and Clarence was listed as a merchant. In the early 1940's Mrs. Minnie Lee and her three sons moved into the apartment in the back of the store, and Minnie became the new owner. Clarence was not seen around the store and most people assumed she was a widow. So it was a bit of a surprise to learn that he died two years after Minnie had passed away in 1974. Her son, Clarence, Jr., took over the store after her death and ran it until his death in 1984. Since then, her son, Layne, has continued ownership of the store while it has been leased for a variety of uses from a deli, quick mart, grocery store, sign & trophy shop, and is currently a dance studio.

Not only has the store changed but even the road around it has changed. Coming from Moody's Crossroads, turning right off County 10 (now Park Ave) there was a road leading to Acmar through a small community called Braggsville, and the store was located at that corner. (Yep, right across from the machine gun pit from earlier days.) Many years later another road right past the store was created and later named Acmar Road.



October 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2  MCA 3-5 pm White's Chapel Jeff Baker	3	4	5  OKTOBERFEST Moody Park 10 am - 4 pm
6  CHURCH 9 am WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY	7  Midge Turner	8  BIBLE STUDY AT BYERS HOME 6:30 Greg Bosworth	9  BIBLE STUDY CHURCH 10 CHURCH SUPPER 6:30 pm	10  SPECIAL OLYMPICS Moody Park 10:30 am	11  Donna Turner	12
13  CHURCH 9 am Charge Conference Leeds UMC 5 pm	14  COLUMBUS DAY	15  BINGO Moody Sr. Center 10:30 am	16  MCA 3-5 pm White's Chapel Carpenetti's 6 pm Lauren Howard	17	18	19
20  CHURCH 9 am BLESSING ANIMALS Moody Park 3-5 pm	21	22  BIBLE STUDY AT BYERS HOME 6:30 Matt Byers	23  BIBLE STUDY AT CHURCH 10 am	24  BINGO LeedsSr. Center 10 am	25  Blake Howard	26
27  CHURCH 9 am	28  KIWANIS PANCAKE SUPPER 5-8 pm Carpenetti's	28	30	31  HALLOWEEN		

Soul Food for October

Mon., September 30 Lamentations 1:1-6
 Tue., October 1 Psalm 137
 Wed., October 2 2 Timothy 1:1-14
 Thur., October 3 Luke 17:1-10
 Fri., October 4 Judges 7:1-8; 8:11-12
 Sat., October 5 Galatians 5:16-25

Mon., October 7 Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7
 Tue., October 8 Psalm 66:1-12
 Wed., October 9 2 Timothy 2:8-15
 Thur., October 10 Luke 17:11-19
 Fri., October 11 Luke 10:38-42
 Sat., October 12 Galatians 6:1-10

Mon., October 14 Jeremiah 31:27-34
 Tue., October 15 Psalm 119:97-104
 Wed., October 16 2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5
 Thur., October 17 Luke 18:1-8
 Fri., October 18 Psalm 55:1-8
 Sat., October 19 Matthew 18:21-35

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 Moody, AL 35004 Phone: 640-4325
 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., October 21 Joel 2:23-32
 Tue., October 22 Psalm 65
 Wed., October 23 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
 Thur., October 24 Luke 18:9-14
 Fri., October 25 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
 Sat., October 26 2 Timothy 3:10-17

Mon., October 28 Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
 Tue., October 29 Psalm 119:137-144
 Wed., October 30 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
 Thur., October 31 Luke 19:1-10