



The Acmar Soul Miner

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



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Checkmate

Thirteen-year-old Bobby Fischer sacrificed his most powerful chess piece. The crowd gasped and the chess-playing world was startled when Fischer sacrificed his queen.

It was on October 17, 1956 and he was playing against twenty-six-year-old grandmaster Donald Byrne. Even though Byrne was considered one of the strongest players in the United States, Fischer went on to win in what has been called the "Game of the Century."

For more than fifty years, chess analysts have studied this game, concluding that from the moment Fischer sacrificed his queen, there was no way his opponent could win.

The crowd gasped when Fischer gave up his most powerful piece. But they soon cheered when he announced, "Checkmate."¹

On the first day of the week, Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a young donkey. A great multitude took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him and cried out:

***"Hosanna!
Blessed is He who comes
in the name of the LORD!
The King of Israel!"***

By Thursday evening, accusers and chief priests were gathering to have Him arrested.

Jesus was in the garden praying, ***"Abba, Father, all things are possible for You. Take this cup away from Me; nevertheless, not what I will, but what You will."***
(Mark 14:36)

Jesus was kissed and betrayed by one of His disciples. He was bound and led to Pilate.

The Roman procurator Pilate found no wrong in Jesus. He wanted to release Him. He asked, "What do you want me to do with Him whom you call the King of the Jews?"

The crowd cried, "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!"

Jesus was spat upon, mocked, beaten, scourged and led away to be crucified. When the sixth hour came there was darkness over the land until the ninth hour. At the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

God sacrificed His most powerful piece – His Son. Jesus was wrapped in linen and laid in a tomb and a stone rolled against the door.

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, certain women came to the tomb bringing spices. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb. They went in and did not find the body of the Lord Jesus.

An angel said, "He is not here, but is risen from the dead!"
(Matthew 28:6)

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."
(John 3:16)

For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved." (3:17)

From the moment God sacrificed His Son there was no way His opponent could win. Checkmate! Death has been defeated. We can have everlasting life through Jesus Christ.

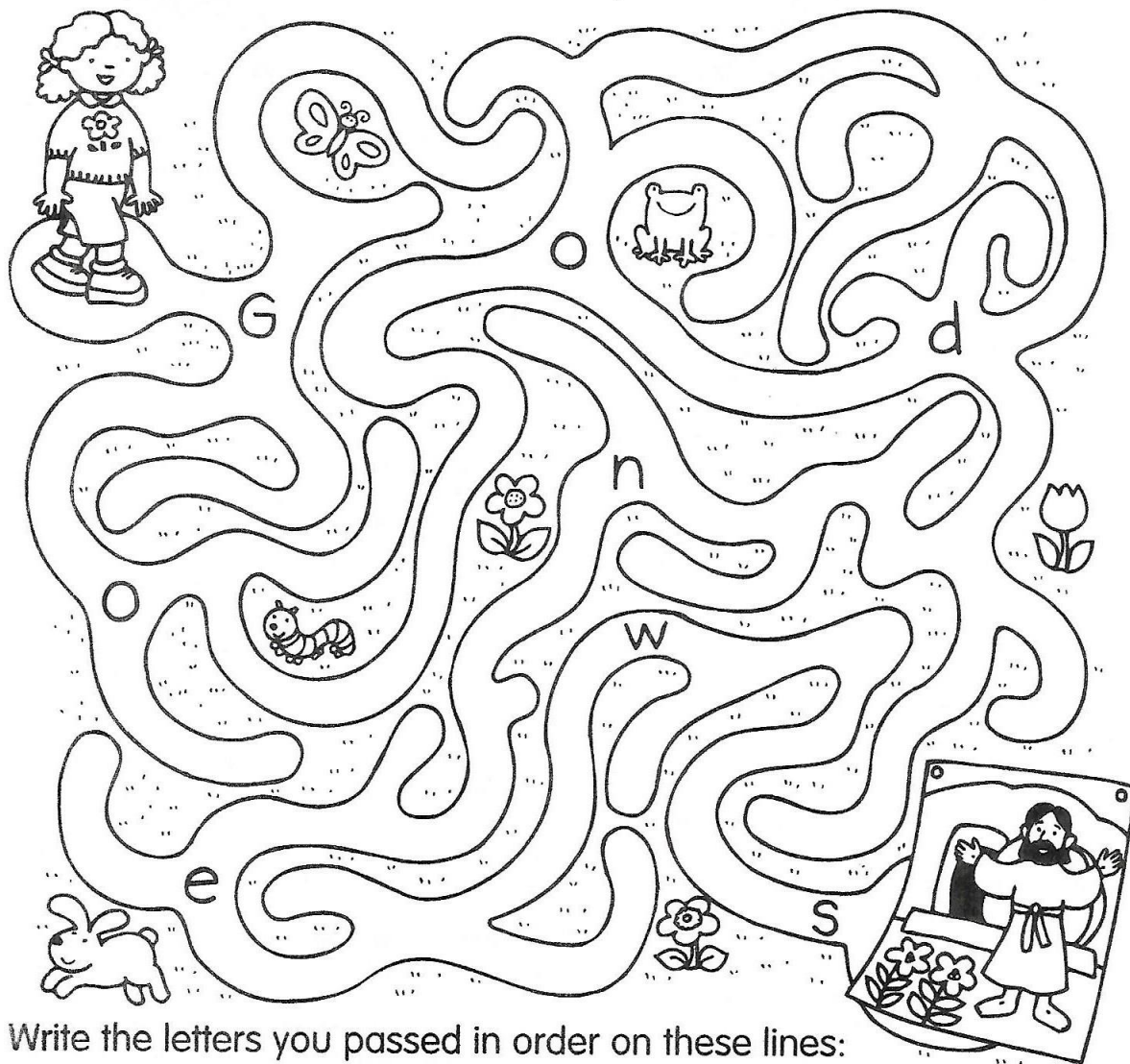
Christ the Lord is Risen Today!

¹ Ellie Claire, *Daily in His Presence: 365 Day Devotional Journal*.

Children's Camp

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

Help the girl find her way to the picture of Jesus.



Write the letters you passed in order on these lines:

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

Look Here:

*The angel said, "Jesus is not here. He
is risen from the dead." (Matthew 28:6)*

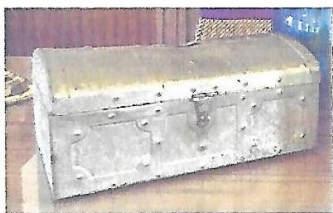


Digging In:

Jesus is the Son of God.
He never did anything wrong.
He died on the cross for our wrongs.

God raised Jesus from the dead.
He is alive in heaven and with us in Spirit.





The Acmar Community Quilt



All churches collect donations for a wide variety of reasons. The church in Acmar has found some interesting ways of gathering some donations. We love to celebrate birthdays of members of the congregation. The person having a birthday is invited to come to the front of the church and drop in one cent for each year into the old metal "birthday box". The children love putting in a penny for each year and the older folks enjoy the good natured teasing remarks like, "Now we can pay the light bill!" Then the whole congregation stands and sings a heartfelt "Happy Birthday...God Bless You". We don't know when this tradition started, but none of us remembers a time when the birthday box wasn't there.

Many people think that loose change wouldn't be enough to do much good. Some people will make the effort to pick up loose pennies in a parking lot, while others think it isn't worth the effort needed to bend over. Until the change became an important part of our worship service, few people consciously saved all their loose change for church. When the collection plate was passed around, there was often some loose change. In 2003, the church made a commitment to send the loose change and change from the birthday box to the Society of St. Andrew. This is called "Change to Change the World". The Society of St. Andrew was started by two United Methodist ministers concerned with world hunger in 1979. They started what they called the Potato Project. They found that tractor-trailer loads of potatoes and other produce are often rejected by commercial markets due to imperfections like shape or size, and these perfectly edible rejected loads ended up at landfills. Through the Potato Project, however, the Society of St. Andrew is able to redirect these 45,000-pound loads of fresh, nutritious produce to soup kitchens, Native American reservations, food pantries, low income housing areas, local churches, and other hunger agencies for distribution to the poor. The produce is donated, so the Society of St. Andrew only pays for the transportation and packaging of the food. The food is passed along to those in need at no cost to them.

Gleaning is the traditional Biblical practice of gathering crops that would otherwise be left in the fields to rot or be plowed under after harvest. Because the food is unmarketable for cosmetic reasons, some growers allow volunteer crews of gleaners to pick what is left after harvest to donate. The Society of St. Andrew's Gleaning Network coordinates volunteers, growers, and distribution agencies to salvage food for the needy. In 1983, a North Carolina farmer donated a tractor-trailer load of sweet potatoes to the Society of St. Andrew. This first load of salvaged sweet potatoes began another aspect of their program and many loads of sweet potatoes have been shared over the years since.

In February 2007, during a worship team meeting, the suggestion was made to start letting the children in the church collect the change during the offertory. Stan Hanks, a friend of the church, donated a "treasure box" that a child carries around each week. Interestingly, we went from \$443 in 2006 to \$794 in 2007! Our first collectors were Heather Reeves and Veronica Anderson. Since that time, many children have felt honored to carry that box and collect the change. A Sunday morning service does not pass by without seeing the faces of the adults smiling as they make sure they drop change into the treasure box (rather than risk being stared down by a four-year-old until they cough up some change!) Some of us try to remember to share our change with unsuspecting visitors to make sure they have something to drop into the treasure box. A visitor, Cheryl Clontz, once referred to it as a "glory sighting!" Acmar's Change to Change the World contribution to the Society of St. Andrew from 2003 through 2017 was \$10,465!



(Easter Sunday in 2014, Olivia Champion collected change assisted by Johnny Lee.)



*Acmar Community Gathering
Sunday, April 15, 2018
2:00 p.m.*

*Acmar United Methodist Church
4107 Old Acton Road / P. O. Box 85
Moody, AL 35004*

*Singing ~ Sharing Stories ~ Door Prizes
Refreshments ~ Casual ~ No Charge*





















Everyone is invited!

Directions:

*From traffic light at Moody Crossroads (intersection of Hwy. 411
& Park Avenue which is County Road 10); Travel 1 mile West on
Park Avenue (County Road 10 West toward Trussville);
Turn right onto Acmar Road; travel 2 miles to Stop Sign;
Turn left onto Old Acton Road
Acmar United Methodist Church is on left*

Belinda Wilson (205) 640-6719 or Church (205) 640-4325

April 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1  CHURCH 9am EASTER PICTURES 	2	3	4  MCA 3-5 pm White's Chapel	5  Lester Gable	6	7
8  CHURCH 9 am	9  Helen Gable	10 	11 	12	13	14
15  CHURCH 9 ACMAR GATHERING 2 pm 	16	17 BINGO Moody 10:30 am Bonnie Goodner 	18  MCA 3-5 pm Carpenetti's 6 pm Sarah Payton 	19	20	21
22  CHURCH 9 am	23	24	25	26  BINGO Leeds 10 am	27  Daniel Baker Dave Navert 	28
29  CHURCH 9 am Special Offering MCA 	30  Brooklynn Smith	<div> ACMAR GATHERING / SUNDAY, APRIL 15 / 2 PM Acmar United Methodist Church Singing, Sharing, Door Prizes, Snacks, Casual EVERYONE IS INVITED! </div>				

Soul Food for April

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

Acts 4:32-35
Psalm 133
1 John 1:1 - 2:2
John 20:19-31
Psalm 119:10-16
Exodus 17:8-16

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

Acts 3:12-19
Psalm 4
1 John 3:1-7
Luke 24:36b-48
Luke 11:9-13
Philippians 4:1-9



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

Acts 4:5-12
Psalm 23
1 John 3:16-24
John 10:11-18
Mark 9:35-37
Psalm 19:1-14

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Take Cty. 10 W. (Park Ave.) toward Trussville;
Travel 1 mile; Right onto Acmar Rd; Travel 2 mi.
Left onto Old Acton Road. Phone: 640-4325

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

Acts 8:26-40
Psalm 22:25-31
1 John 4:7-21
John 15:1-8
Matthew 6:5-15
Romans 10:1-14

Mon., April 30
Tue., May 1
Wed., May 2
Thur., May 3

Acts 10:44-49
Psalm 98
1 John 5:1-6
John 15:9-17

Monday - Thursday readings are *Common Lectionary*
Friday and Saturday readings are from *Upper Room*