



## The Acmar Soul Miner

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



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### Why the Peanut?

Endless cotton crops had sucked the nutrients out of Southern soil. Post-Civil War farmers faced scorched land and scrawny crops.

George Washington Carver, a professor at Alabama's Tuskegee Institute, offered a solution. Change crops and restore nitrogen and fertility to the soil. Grow sweet potatoes, cowpeas, soybeans, and, most of all, peanuts.

Carver couldn't convince the farmers. It took a boll weevil to do that. Out of Mexico they swarmed, through Texas, into Louisiana and Mississippi. By 1915 the cotton-consuming bug had reached Alabama.

Carver saw the plague as an opportunity. He pleaded, "Burn off your infested cotton and plant peanuts."

Who would buy them? An elderly widow knocked on Carver's door. After harvesting peanuts, she had hundreds of pounds left over. She was not alone. Barns and storehouses were filled with rotting peanuts.

Years later, George Washington Carver recalled how he retreated to his favorite spot in the woods, seeking God's wisdom.

"Oh, Mister Creator," he cried out, "why did you make this universe?"

And the creator answered, "You want to know too much for that little mind of yours. Ask me something more your size."

So I said, "Dear Mister Creator, tell me what man was made for."

Again He spoke to me and said, "Little man, you are still asking for more than you can handle. Cut down the extent of your request and improve the intent."

Then I asked my last question. "Mister Creator, why did you make the peanut?"

"That's better," the Lord said.

And he gave me a handful of peanuts and went back with me to the laboratory, and together we got down to work.

Working day and night, Carver tore apart the peanut and unlocked the chemical magic that would turn loss into profit.

In less than five years, peanut production turned his Alabama county into one of the wealthiest sections of the state. During his lifetime, Carver extracted more than three hundred products from the peanut.<sup>1</sup>

February is Black History Month in which we are reminded to be taught and celebrate year-round the particular way in which persons of Negro heritage have enriched our lives.

It was Carter G. Woodson, the "father of Black history," who first set out in 1926 to designate a time to promote and educate people about Black history and culture.

February was chosen primarily because the second week coincides with the birthdays of Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass.

Former U.S. President Lincoln was instrumental in the emancipation of slaves. Douglass, a former slave, was a prominent leader in the abolitionist movement which fought to end slavery. Overtime the week was extended to a month.

**To everything there is a time and purpose.**  
(Ecclesiastes 3:1)

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<sup>1</sup> Lucado, Max. *Cure for the Common Life*. W Publishing Group, 2005, pages 11-12.







# Children's Camp

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

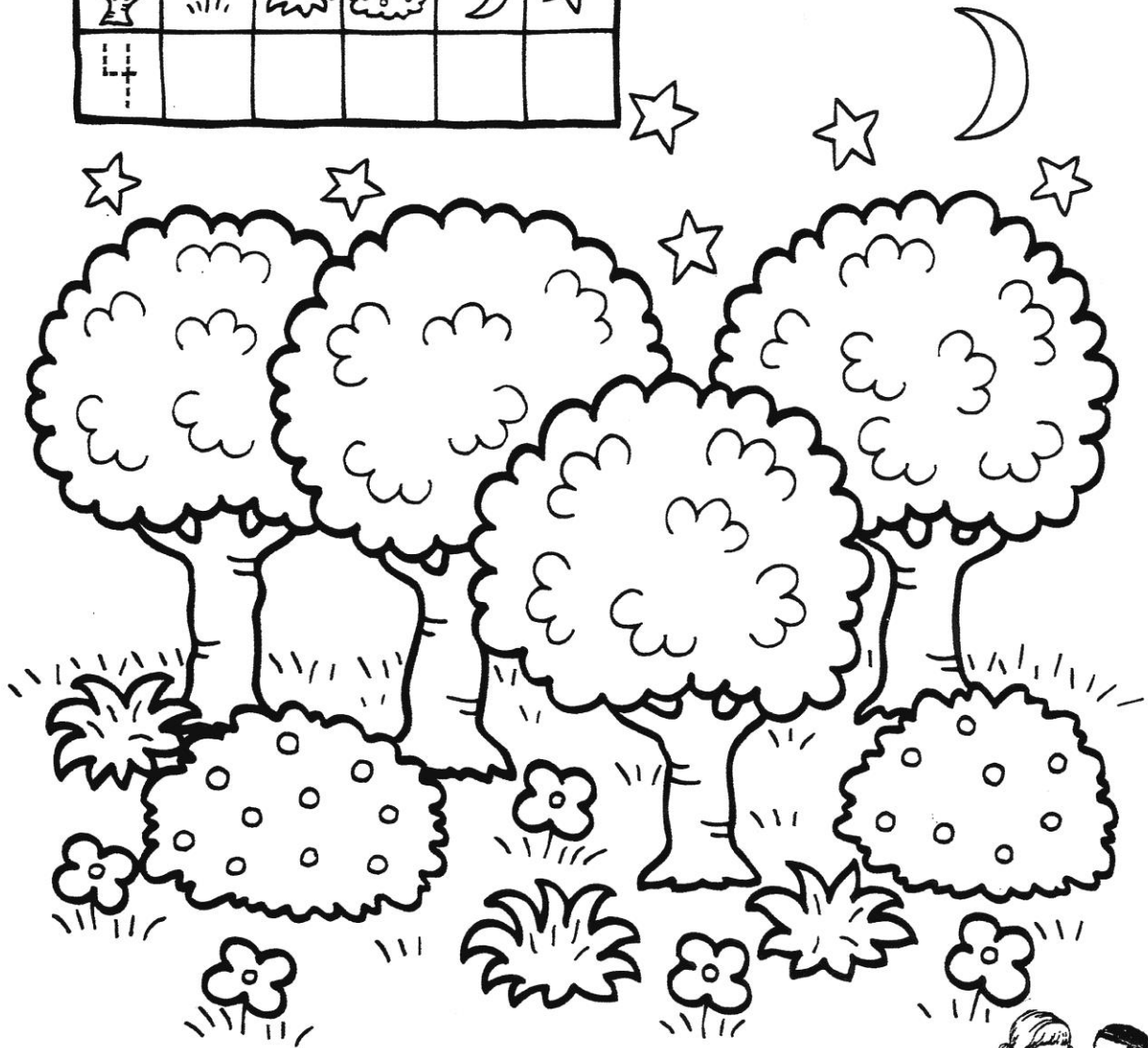


Puzzle 1

Count all the different kinds of things God created.  
Fill in the chart below.

					
4					

1 2 3 4 5 6



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

**Look Here:**  
*To everything there is a time and purpose.*  
(Ecclesiastes 3:1)


**Digging In:**  
God created the world.  
God created everything in the world.  
Everything has a purpose.



There is a purpose for trees and plants.  
There is a purpose for the moon and stars.  
There is a purpose for you and me.

## The Acmar Community Quilt

As our world explores new options and important sources of energy for the future, it's interesting to be reminded of our early dependence on coal during the years of mining in the Acmar community. This ad from over a hundred years ago demonstrated the growth of the company. The Acton and Margaret mines were established in 1905. There was significant growth in production after the Acmar community was created in 1908. Coal moved trains that moved goods and people all over the country. Coal kept us warm in winter. Coal generated electric power for a variety of needs. This dirty, sooty substance was important to human history and modern civilization.



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OVERTON FULLTON, SECRETARY-TREASURER

### ALABAMA FUEL AND IRON CO.

LONG DISTANCE PHONE 9960  
BROWN-MARX BUILDING  
BIRMINGHAM

#### A Record That Commands Attention

Organized during 1905 and developing entirely new properties, our company shipped its first coal during the fall of 1906 and was just getting fairly under way when the panic of 1907 so paralyzed the coal market that many mines went on partial time. This period of depression lasted throughout the years 1908 and 1909 to such extent that mines generally showed a decided decrease in tonnage and that company considered itself fortunate who managed to hold its own.

Our production was as follows:


1906	60,000 Tons
1907	163,490 Tons
1908	335,269 Tons
1909	577,114 Tons
1910	669,420 Tons
1911	753,225 Tons
1912	1,006,378 Tons
1913	1,069,564 Tons

A record of steady and rapid gain, inspite of adverse conditions. Coal of Uniformly High Quality and Service that was honest and dependable brought about that remarkable showing. We feel that it merits the attention of wise and careful buyers and will be pleased to have their inquiries.

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**February 2023**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>Black History Month</b>	<b>Celebrating Contributions of Persons of Negro Heritage</b>		<b>1 Bible Study Church 10 a</b> MCA 3-5 pm White's Chapel	<b>2</b>  <b>GROUND-HOG DAY</b>	<b>3</b>  <b>Amy Gable</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>  <b>CHURCH 9 am</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>  <b>Serenity Johnson</b>	<b>8 Bible Study 10 am</b> <b>SUPPER 6 p</b>  <b>Candice Turner</b> Micah Roof	<b>9 Moody BINGO 10 a</b>  <b>Walker Sims</b>	<b>10</b>  <b>Ashley Anderson</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b>  <b>CHURCH 9</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>  <b>VALENTINE'S DAY</b>	<b>15 Bible Study Church 10 a</b> MCA 3-5 White's Chapel	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  <b>Jim Anderson</b>	<b>18</b>  <b>Brent Bonham</b>
<b>19</b>  <b>CHURCH 9 am</b>	<b>20</b>  <b>PRESIDENT'S DAY</b>	<b>21</b>  <b>Johnny Lee</b>	<b>22 Bible St. 10a</b> <b>ASH WED Church 6 pm</b>  <b>Sandi Nicholson</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  <b>Jessie Turner</b>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>  <b>CHURCH 9 Meeting 10</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>			<b>Audio Sermon Podcasts On Website</b>	<b>Soul Miner on the Website in Gallery</b>

**Soul Food for February**

Mon. January 30  
Tue., January 31  
Wed., February 1  
Thur., February 2  
Fri., February 3  
Sat., February 4

Isaiah 58:1-9a  
Psalm 112:1-9  
1 Corinthians 2:1-12  
Matthew 5:13-20  
Psalm 23:1-6  
Colossians 3:12-17

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Moody Crossroads / Intersection Hwy. 411/Cty. Rd. 10  
Take County Rd. 10 W. (Park Ave.) toward Trussville;  
Travel 1 mile; Turn right on Acmar Rd.; travel 2 miles;  
Left onto Old Acton Rd., Church is on the left

Mon., February 6  
Tue., February 7  
Wed., February 8  
Thur., February 9  
Fri., February 10  
Sat., February 11

Deuteronomy 30:15-20  
Psalm 119:1-8  
1 Corinthians 3:1-9  
Matthew 5:21-37  
Ephesians 2:1-10  
Psalm 3:1-8



Mon., February 20  
Tue., February 21  
Wed., February 22  
Thur., February 23  
Fri., February 24  
Sat., February 25

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7  
Psalm 32  
Romans 5:12-19  
Matthew 4:1-11  
Hebrews 12:1-3  
2 Corinthians 3:12-18

Mon., February 13  
Tue., February 14  
Wed., February 15  
Thur., February 16  
Fri., February 17  
Sat., February 18

Exodus 24:12-18  
Psalm 99  
2 Peter 1:16-21  
Matthew 17:1-9  
Exodus 14:19-31  
Psalm 139:1-6

Mon., February 27  
Tue., February 28  
Wed., March 1  
Thur., March 2  
Fri., March 3  
Sat., March 4

Genesis 12:1-4a  
Psalm 121  
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17  
John 3:1-17