



The Acmar Soul Miner

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



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Faith of the Irish

Patrick was born in Britain in 387. His father was a deacon and his grandfather was a priest in the church. Patrick, however, was not an active Christian believer.

When he was sixteen years old, he was captured by Irish pirates and taken to Ireland. He lived a solitary, lonely life working as a slave for a chieftain tending his herd of sheep.

At the time, Ireland was a land of Druids and pagans but Patrick turned to Jesus Christ. Using the Latin form of his name, Patricius, he wrote his memoir *The Confession*. He wrote:

"The love of God and his fear grew in me more and more, as did the faith, and my soul was rosed, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers and in the night, nearly the same. I prayed in the woods and on the mountain, even before dawn. I felt no hurt from the snow or ice or rain."

After six years of captivity, he believed he heard the voice of God in a dream urging him to leave Ireland. Walking nearly 200 miles, he found some sailors who took him back to Britain and he was reunited with his family.

Patrick had a vision of people in Ireland crying out with one voice for him to come and walk among them. After 15 years, Patrick was ordained as a priest. He returned to Ireland.

Patrick arrived in Ireland on March 25, 433. He chose to incorporate Irish ritual and symbols into his teaching and start new ones.

Patrick is said to have planted the shamrock. He used the three leaved plant to explain the Holy Trinity – Father, Son and Spirit as One.

Shamrock



Patrick also gave rise to the Celtic cross. He superimposed the sun, a powerful Irish symbol, onto the traditional Christian cross.

Celtic Cross



For over forty years, Patrick often lived in poverty and traveled throughout Ireland preaching and converting. He came to be known as the one who "found Ireland all heathen and left it all Christian." He founded over 300 churches and baptized over 120,000 persons. He died on March 17, 461. The feast day of Ireland's patron saint is March 17.

He was known as a humble, gentle man with love, total devotion and trust of God. Below is a portion of Patrick's prayer of faith.

The Breastplate

*I arise today, through a mighty strength,
the invocation of the Trinity ...*

*I arise today, through
The strength of heaven,
The light of the sun ...
The swiftness of the wind ...*

*I arise today, through
God's wisdom to guide me ...
God's hand to guard me,
God's shield to protect me ...*

*Christ with me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
Christ in me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me ...*

I arise today, through a mighty strength ...

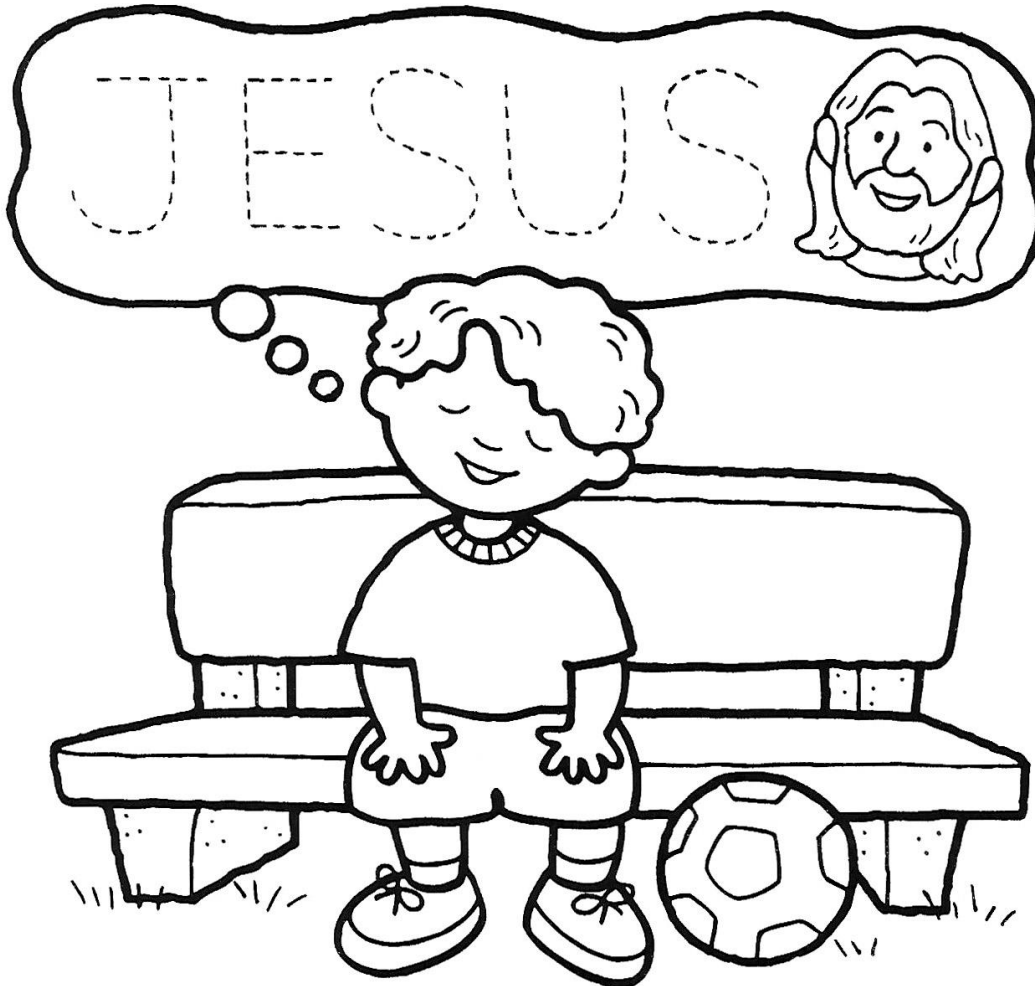
Children's Camp

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

Color the boy's  GREEN.

Color the boy's  BROWN.

Trace the letters to find the name of who the boy is thankful for.



Who sent Jesus? Follow the code to fill in the blank lines.



The wisdom of God.

We see it in verses but sometimes we have to dig to uncover the meaning.



Look Here:

Our Bible says, "God has sent His Son to be the Savior of the world."

(See 1 John 4:14)

Digging In:

We can think about Jesus.

We can pray to God.



We can thank God for loving us.

We can thank God for sending Jesus.

The Acmar Community Quilt

What's for lunch?

You wouldn't think it odd today to hear that question, but during the mining days of Acmar, folks here had three meals each day: breakfast, dinner, and supper. It's likely that the only time "lunch" was used would have been maybe in reference to the school lunch ladies or the big "Staff Meeting Luncheons" where the Acmar ladies went all out to impress Charles DeBardeleben and any other company 'big wigs' or investors who might be attending for a mid-day meal.

Mining was incredibly hard work, and miners needed a hearty meal for the brief break they took while working in the mines. They also needed a durable container in which to carry their meal. This usually took the form of a metal bucket with three separate compartments they called their "Dinner Bucket". As the mining operations began in Acmar after 1908, miners moved here from many places in America and even from other places around the world. And they brought with them some customs and ideas from different areas and cultures. This often played a part in determining what they brought to eat in their dinner bucket.



The miner's dinner bucket pictured here was the type typically used. The dings and dents in the metal bucket are a testament to the hard job they served. The three compartments fit neatly in the bucket keeping food and water separated. In the main bottom part of the bucket would be the drinking water that the miner would need for his shift. The center section would usually hold leftovers from meals at home. Depending on good times or bad, this could be butter beans, stew, baked potato, or some other food. The top section under the lid would generally hold some type of bread: usually biscuits or cornbread.

Here in the south, most of us are familiar with the folded, half-moon pastry treat we call "fried pies." Today they are usually made with some sort of fruit filling, but the fried pies are actually traced back to Cornwall, England, and miners who took fried pies they called "pasty" that had a meat filling into the mines. These could be wrapped in paper or a cloth and tended to stay warm for a while. They could be held and eaten without cutlery and not get too dirty from the miner's fingers. (There are even stories of miners warming up their food on a shovel over a candle or the heat from the carbide light.)

There is another familiar treat with ties to miners' dinner bucket. Story has it that in 1917, a Kentucky coal miner asked a bakery salesman to make a sweet treat that miners could easily fit in their dinner bucket. He suggested something with graham crackers and marshmallows and that they should make it "as big as the moon" for a hungry miner's appetite. This was the beginning of the Moon Pie!

Who knows? There may be many other family favorites and traditional recipes that came to us by way of the coal miner's dinner bucket.



March 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1  MCA 3-5 pm White's Chapel ASH WED. WORSHIP 7 pm	2  Emily Turner Sims	3	4  Dava Walker
5  CHURCH 9 am Tristan Byers 	6	7 	8  CHURCH SUPPER 6:30 pm	9	10	11
12  CHURCH 9 am DAYLIGHT SAVINGS BEGINS 	13	14  Bible Study Church 10:30 Byers 6:30 p Ron Smith 	15  MCA 3-5 pm White's Chapel Ladies Little R & R 6 pm 	16	17  ST. PATRICK'S DAY	18
19  CHURCH 9 am	20  FIRST DAY OF SPRING	21  BINGO Moody 10:30 Chloe Byrd	22	23  BINGO Leeds 10 a	24	25
26  CHURCH 9 am	27	28  Bible Study Church 10:30 Byers 6:30 p Steven  Lamphear	29  Debbie Bosworth Michael  Wilson	30	31  Barbara Shrum	

Soul Food for March

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

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Psalm 32
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11
Joel 2:12-17
Colossians 4:2-6



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

Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm 121
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17
1 Corinthians 11:24-34
Isaiah 40:27-31

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

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42
Mark 7:24-30
Philippians 2:12-16

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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 left

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

1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41
Matthew 25:35-40
Psalm 118:5-14

Mon., March 27
Tue., March 28
Wed., March 29
Thur., March 30
Fri., March 31
Sat., April 1

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45
Psalm 25:1-10
Isaiah 43:1-4