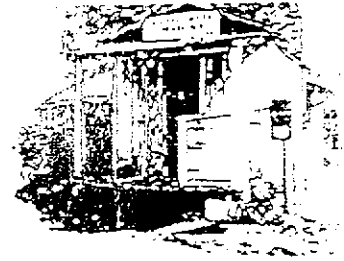


The Acmar Soul Miner

Searching for wisdom

As for hidden treasures...

For the Lord gives wisdom



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Mom – Keep Going & Keep Praying

A mother is neither cocky, nor proud,
because she knows
the school principal may call at any minute...

Rosanna's husband picked up their three-year-old daughter after her first day of nursery school. He left Rosanna the following message on her voice mail at work:

Hi, honey. The good news is that Amanda got through her first day at school. The bad news is the principal wants to meet with us.

Later, a second message updated the story:

The good news is that the parents of the boy she bit aren't suing. The bad news is that he had to go to the doctor because of it, and we'll be paying the bill.

Minutes later, a third message added:

The good news is that once we see her teacher, the school will accept Amanda back. The bad news is that Amanda has decided to drop out... Have a good day!"¹

Adam called his wife's name Eve, meaning "Life" as she was the mother of all living.

Though she brought forth her firstborn in pain, Eve bore Cain and said, "I have acquired a man from the LORD."

Eve bore his brother, Abel, and sibling rivalry was also born. Even as a man who made offerings to God, Cain killed Abel.

Thankfully, a son in Adam's likeness was born. They named him Seth and we follow his people through Scripture.

In the Bible, we discover mothers like Sarah who were barren until late in life. We read of maidservants, like Hagar, who gave birth and were cast out. As a single mom not abandoned by God, Hagar raised her son.

We read of mothers, like Rachel, who bartered to obtain children through their maidservants. We read of Leah, who was not loved by her husband despite giving birth to his sons. On son number four, Leah exclaimed, "Now I will praise the LORD." She named him Judah.

Leah, no doubt, had high expectations for her sons. Yet, when it comes to dark stories in the Bible, her sons have starring roles as the bad guys. Some were murders (Genesis 34:24-30) and slavers (Genesis 37:17-28). Even Judah is the villain in a sordid story in Scripture (Genesis 38). God brings redemption with the lineage of the Messiah coming through Judah.

In the Bible, there are mothers like Deborah who never birthed children but helped to mother a nation. There are mothers like Hannah who prayed for a child, loved him, and gave him up for service to the Lord.

Donna, a mother of three, said, "I really didn't like Mother's Day. It brought back to me all the inadequacies and failures I felt as a mother. Being a mother was the hardest thing I did."

She concluded, "As I faced all my parenting challenges, I never found an answer except to keep going and keep praying."²

In difficult circumstances and through the most unexpected people, God works redemption.

A woman who fears the LORD shall be praised.
(Proverbs 31:30)

¹ *God's Little Devotional Book for Moms.*
Tulsa, OK: Honor Books, 1995, pages 72-73.

² *Our Daily Bread April/May/June 2025.*
Grand Rapids, MI: Our Daily Bread Ministries,
May 11, 2025, "A Mom Looks Back."

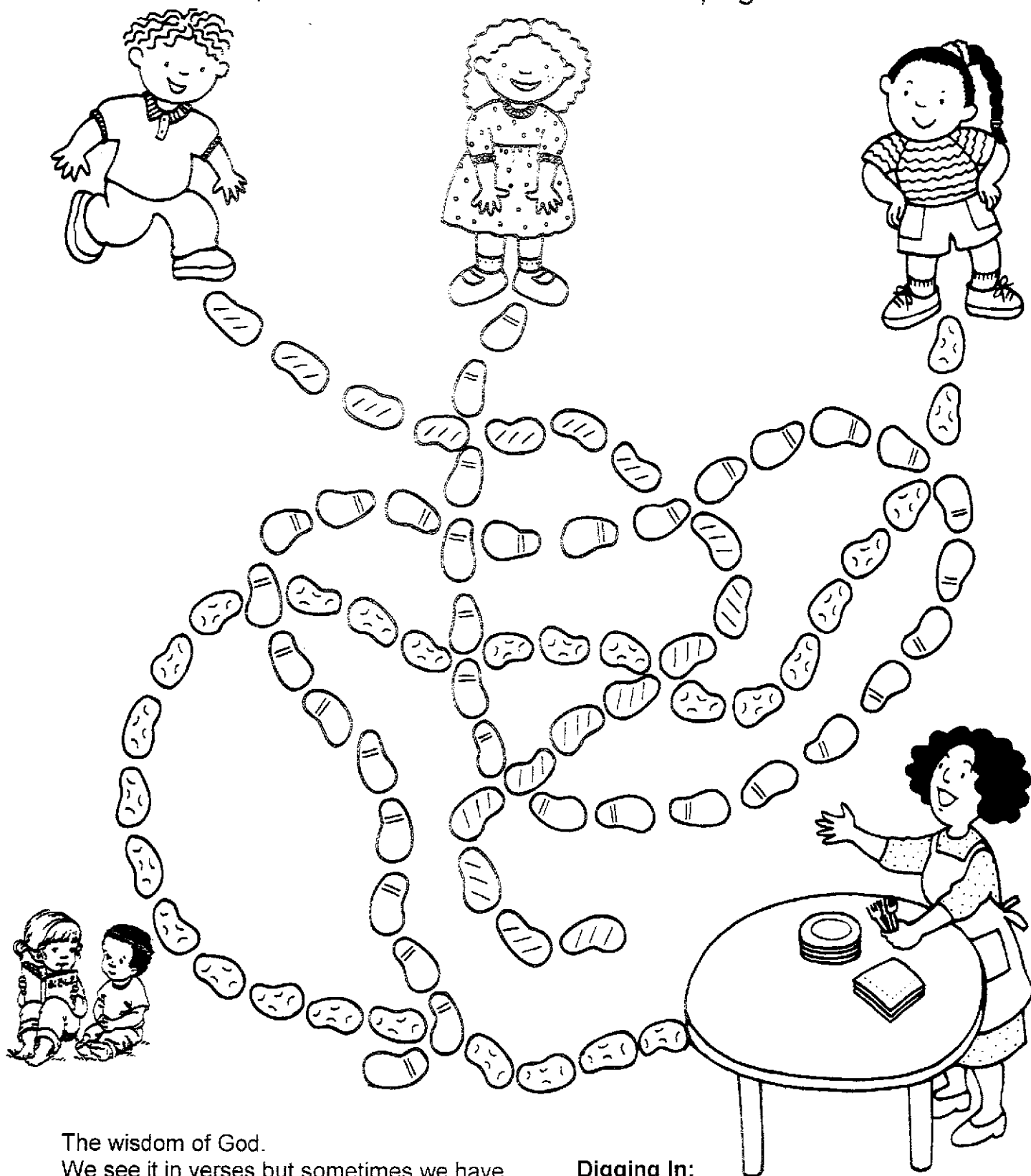
Children's Camp

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



Puzzle 104

Follow the footprints to see which child is obeying.



The wisdom of God.

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

Look Here:

**God says, "Honor your father and mother."
(Exodus 10:12)**

Digging In:

Honor means to be respectful and value.

We honor our parents when we love them.

We honor our parents when we obey them.

We honor our parents when we do good.

We honor our parents when we do our best.

The Acmar Community Quilt

This is a portion of a long article that appeared in the Birmingham News on July 17, 1936

Work of the Commissary

The commissary building at Acmar is a large and commodious store house, constructed with a view to comfort, cleanliness and for proper display of merchandise. It is really a department store carrying everything in stock needful for the outer and the inner man. The store is screened, electrically lighted and kept immaculately clean. The dry goods, grocery, furniture and feed departments contain assortments and grades of goods to suit the purpose and desire of any manner woman whose fastidious taste has ever found response in great city marts of trade. The meat market is a gem of perfection. Electric fans, refrigerators and an ice house keep cool all meats, cheeses and perishable goods and the deft hands of artistic meat cutters present a most inviting picture. W.J. Upshaw, a long experienced storekeeper, is in general charge of the commissary, and he and his corps of salesmen are as polite, cordial and attentive to miners and their families as they could be if they were seeking cash customers.

Comparative Prices

The following is a comparative statement of prices at four Birmingham stores and at the commissary at Acmar:


Average at four Birmingham stores : Granulated sugar 18 pounds to the \$1, roasted coffee 15 cents, cream cheese 25 cents, pig meat (D S pork) 17 ½ cents, pure lard (five pound pail) 90 cents, lard (compound five pound pail) 63 cents, ham (regular) 25 cents, breakfast bacon 35 cents, onions 7 cents per pound, cabbage 4 cents per pound, laundry soap 5 cents, flour (including Roller Champion) 95 cents, corn meal peck 50 cents, bologna sausage 15 cents, beefsteak 12 ½ cents, spare ribs 12 ½ cents, beef liver 12 ½ cents, pork chops 20 cents, beef roast 15 cents, pork roast 20 cents, pure pork sausage 25 cents.

At Acmar Commissary: : Granulated sugar 18 pounds to the \$1, roasted coffee 15 cents and 20 cents, cream cheese 25 cents, pig meat (D S pork) 17 ½ cents, pure lard (five pound pail) 90 cents, lard (compound five pound pail) 63 cents, ham (regular) 25 cents, breakfast bacon 35 cents, onions 5 cents per pound, cabbage 3 cents per pound, laundry soap 5 cents, flour (including Roller Champion) 90 cents, corn meal peck 50 cents, bologna sausage 12 ½ cents, beefsteak 12 ½ cents, spare ribs 12 ½ cents, beef liver 12 ½ cents, pork chops 20 cents, beef roast 15 cents, pork roast 17 1/2 cents, pure pork sausage 20 cents.

These mines are situated 20 miles from Birmingham and further than that from any other trade mart. Suppose the company should abandon the plan of providing a supply store for its employees. How would they procure necessary goods for support of themselves and their families? By frequent visits to Birmingham, at a loss of time and the expense of travel and of freightage and cartage on goods.

It is declared by men who work at these mines that there is no rule of the company that forces them to trade at the commissary. That trade checks are issued to them by the office on request and that goods are sold them in the company's store in exchange for these at the same prices as when they pay cash.

May 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Website www.acmarumc.org	Audio Sermon Podcasts On Website	Soul Miner on the Website in Gallery		1  Skyelur Byrd	2  Cathy Payton	3
4 CHURCH 9  Moody Park 12-2	5	6  Ethan Wilson	7  MCA 3-5 Don Borg	8  Moody Sr. BINGO 10 a	9	10
11 CHURCH 9  Mother's Day	12	13  Millie & Prudence Howard	14	15	16  Kay Hammett	17  Maureen Raines
18 CHURCH 9 a  Jeff Reeves William Rowell	19	20  Nancy Miller-Borg	21  MCA 3-5 White's Chapel	22	23	24
25  CHURCH 9	26  Memorial Day	27	28	29	30	31  Nolan Carpenter

Mon., April 28
Tue., April 29
Wed., April 30
Thur., May 1
Fri., May 2
Sat., May 3

Acts 9:1-6
Psalm 30
Revelation 5:11-14
John 21:1-19
Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 18:1-6

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

Mon., May 5
Tue., May 6
Wed., May 7
Thur., May 8
Fri., May 9
Sat., May 10

Acts 9:36-43
Psalm 23
Revelation 7:9-17
John 10:22-30
Luke 15:11-32
Ephesians 4:11-16



Mon., May 19
Tue., May 20
Wed., May 21
Thur., May 22
Fri., May 23
Sat., May 24

Acts 16:9-15
Psalm 67
Revelation 21:10-22 – 22:5
John 14:23-29
Mark 9:14-24
Luke 11:1-13

Mon., May 12
Tue., May 13
Wed., May 14
Thur., May 15
Fri., May 16
Sat., May 17

Acts 11:1-18
Psalm 148
Revelation 21:1-6
John 13:31-35
1 Corinthians 14:6-12
Isaiah 29:13-16

Mon., May 26
Tue., May 27
Wed., May 28
Thur., May 29
Fri., May 30
Sat., May 31

Acts 16:16-34
Psalm 97
Revelation 22:12-21
John 17:20-26
Psalm 30:1-12
2 Corinthians 4:8-12