

The Acmar Soul Miner

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



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Heart of a Mother

The Egyptian Pharaoh had ordered that all Hebrew boys be killed. Jochebed, a Hebrew mother, gave birth to a beautiful baby boy.

When he was three-months-old, Jochebed laid him in a floating ark by the river's bank. The baby's sister stood afar and watched.

Opening the ark, Pharaoh's daughter said with compassion, "This is one of the Hebrews' children." The sister offered to find a nurse.

The baby's mother nursed her own son. When the child grew, the mother took him to Pharaoh's daughter and he became her son. She called his name, "Moses." (Exodus 2)

These two mothers helped Moses grow into a fine and faithful man. God called him to lead the Hebrew people out of Egyptian slavery.

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During a long, winding drive through the Italian Alps, two-year-old Alexandra Chalupa slept buckled in her backseat car seat. Awakening, she cried to sit up front; her mother refused.

Suddenly, their car skidded in the rain, lurched across traffic lanes, barely missed a deep gorge, and slammed against a solid rock wall. Her parents were bruised and shaken, but Alexandra was firmly fastened and unhurt.

At home in California, Tanya Chalupa launched a campaign for legislation requiring automobile safety seats for children under four years or weighing less than 40 pounds.

In 1983 after a four year campaign, the Child Restraint Law went into effect in California. Child-passenger injuries declined by more than 400 from the previous year. <sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup>*God's Little Devotional Book for Moms.* Tulsa, OK: Honor Books, Inc., 1995, page 13.

Sarah Ann Reeves Moody considers herself "a simple person ... with a soft spot for kids."

Sarah's nephew, Stevie, was born without sweat glands, a condition called HED. Any exertion could overheat his body and cause serious damage. Playing could kill him!

Moody called NASA. If they put a man on the moon, they should be able to help Stevie.

Turns out they could. Moon travelers used a "cool suit." A \$2,600 cool suit! A variety of sales slowly brought in the money. One day eight-year-old Stevie donned his "cool suit" and took off on his bicycle on wings of joy. A foundation was started to help other children. <sup>2</sup>

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Drew Ann Long of Alabaster, Alabama was a mom of three with a problem of navigating the grocery store with three young children, one of whom was disabled. After a vain search for a cart for people with special needs, she realized that she would have to invent one.

She designed "Caroline's Cart" named after her daughter. This cart, which has handles opening in the front, drew her into the worlds of engineering, manufacturing, finance, patent law and the corporate boardroom.

Today, many stores offer "Caroline's Cart" because a mother would not give up. ³

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**Thus says the LORD, "As one whom his mother comforts, So I will comfort you ..."**  
**(Isaiah 66:13)**

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<sup>2</sup> *A Second Chicken Soup for the Woman's Soul.* Deerfield Beach, FL: Health Communications, Inc., 1998, pages 250-251.

<sup>3</sup> Long, Drew Ann. *Game Changer: The Remarkable Story of Caroline's Cart.* Houston, TX: Whitecaps Media, 2017. Jacket Cover.

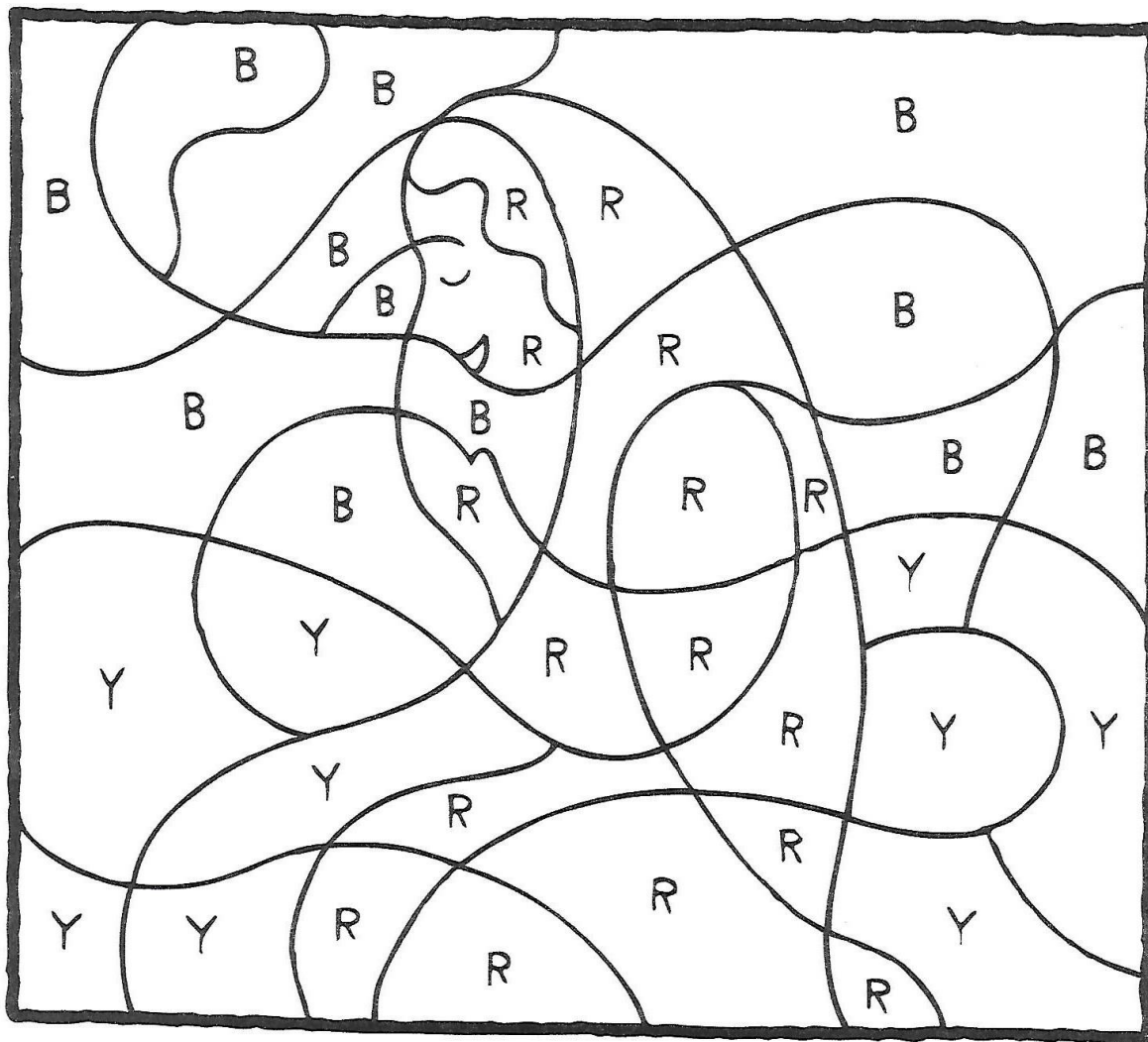
# Children's Camp

Puzzle 9

Color the spaces with B's **BLUE**.

Color the spaces with R's **RED**.

Color the spaces with Y's **YELLOW**.



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

**Look Here:**

***The Lord said, "As a mother comforts her  
child, I will comfort you." (Isaiah 66:13)***

**Digging In:**

A mother comforts her child.  
Sometimes she holds her child.  
Sometimes she helps her child.



God comforts us like a mother.  
God is always close by and helps us.



## *The Acmar Community Quilt*



While much of our articles focus on what Acmar was doing in the coal mining days, there are good things happening in present time that reinforce our hopes for the future. From the very beginning of Acmar, the education of young people was important. As the company built schools for the miners' children and even kept them open during the Depression when many state schools closed down, an emphasis on education continued.

While the cost of higher education keeps rising, the congregation of the Acmar church wanted to help worthy young people in some way by establishing a scholarship program in 2006 with an amount of \$500 per recipient. A team of members of the congregation were tasked with developing guidelines and requirements.

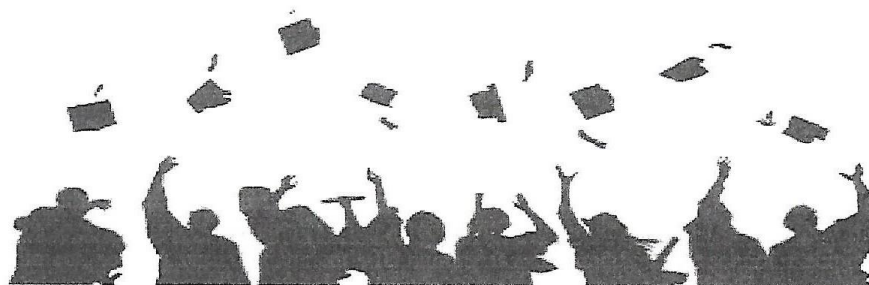
These included:

- \*recommendation of a recipient by someone in our church family approved by Scholarship Team
- \*an application form with personal information
- \* a one page essay stating future educational plans and how the scholarship will help toward meeting those goals
- \*a recommendation from a teacher, guidance counselor, or a faculty member (if recommendation is not feasible, grade transcripts may be accepted.)














Applications each year must be received by April 1. The Scholarship Team will review applications and select recipient(s). Each recipient is given an Award Letter. Upon their enrollment, a check with that student's ID number is sent directly to the school. Recipients will have one year to redeem their scholarship.

In 2014, the church received \$10,000 from the estate of Lorraine Smith that was designated for educational scholarships. Lorraine always had a special place in her heart for young people, and her gift has helped many students.

As of spring, 2021, 34 scholarships have been awarded. These students have gone on to pursue a wide variety of careers that are important to society ranging from teachers, medical professions, business, finance, engineering, ministry, and even a pilot!



## May 2021

| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Monday                                                                                                                           | Tuesday                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Wednesday | Thursday                                                                                                                               | Friday                                                                                                                        | Saturday                                                                                              |
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| <b>NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER / THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2021</b><br>Theme: Lord, pour out Your Love, Life and Liberty<br><i>The Lord is the Spirit ... where the Spirit is ... there is liberty. (2 Corinthians 3:17)</i> |                                                                                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                            |           |                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                               | 1 <br>Skyelur Byrd |
| 2 <br><b>CHURCH</b><br>9 am                                                                                                   | 3                                                                                                                                | 4                                                                                                                                                                                                          | 5         | 6 <br>Ethan Wilson<br><b>NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER</b> | 7 Don Borg<br><br>Millie & Prudence Howard | 8                                                                                                     |
| 9 <br><b>CHURCH</b><br>9am<br><b>MOTHER'S DAY</b>                                                                             | 10                                                                                                                               | 11                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 12        | 13                                                                                                                                     | 14                                                                                                                            | 15                                                                                                    |
| 16 <br><b>CHURCH</b><br>9 am<br>Kay Hammett                                                                                   | 17 <br>Maureen Raines                           | 18 <br>Jeff Reeves<br><br>William Rowell | 19        | 20 <br>Nancy Miller-Borg                             | 21                                                                                                                            | 22                                                                                                    |
| 23 <br><b>CHURCH</b><br>9 am<br><b>PENTECOST</b>                                                                             | 24                                                                                                                               | 25                                                                                                                                                                                                         | 26        | 27                                                                                                                                     | 28                                                                                                                            | 29                                                                                                    |
| 30 <br><b>CHURCH</b> 9<br>Sp. Offering<br>ALS                                                                               | 31 <br>Nolan Carpenter<br><b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> | Memorial Day, previously called Decoration Day, is a time of honor and remembrance. People visit cemeteries and decorate graves.                                                                           |           |                                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                       |

Saturday, May 1

Proverbs 2:6-12

SOUL FOOD FOR MAY

Mon., May 3  
Tue., May 4  
Wed., May 5  
Thur., May 6  
Fri., May 7  
Sat., May 8

Acts 10:44-48  
Psalm 98  
1 John 5:1-6  
John 15:9-17  
Genesis 21:1-21  
Genesis 25:7-17



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 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., May 10  
Tue., May 11  
Wed., May 12  
Thur., May 13  
Fri., May 14  
Sat., May 15

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26  
Psalm 1  
1 John 5:9-13  
John 17:6-19  
Ecclesiastes 3:1-12  
Ecclesiastes 11:10-14

Mon., May 24  
Tue., May 25  
Wed., May 26  
Thur., May 27  
Fri., May 28  
Sat., May 29

Isaiah 6:1-8  
Psalm 29  
Romans 8:12-17  
John 3:1-17  
Psalm 1  
Psalm 150

Mon., May 17  
Tue., May 18  
Wed., May 19  
Thur., May 20  
Fri., May 21  
Sat., May 22

Acts 2:1-21  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b  
Romans 8:22-27  
John 15:26-17; 16:4b-15  
Esther 4:1-17  
Esther 9:20-28

Mon., May 31  
Tue., June 1  
Wed., June 2  
Thur., June 3  
Fri., June 4  
Sat., June 5

1 Samuel 8:4-20  
Psalm 138  
2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1  
Mark 3:20-35  
John 4:19-26  
Hebrews 13:15-16