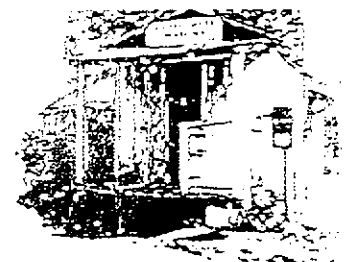


The Acmar Soul Miner

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



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Peace in Jesus

High-wire artist Philippe Petit became famous in 1971 when he walked a tightrope between the towers of Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris.

Three years later he got arrested for an unauthorized walk between the Twin Towers that once distinguished New York's skyline.

In 1987, Petit's walk looked different. At the invitation of Jerusalem mayor Teddy Kollek, Petit walked across the Hinnom Valley on a high wire as a part of the Israel Festival.

At the midway point, Petit released a pigeon (he'd hoped for a dove) to symbolize the beauty of peace. A strange and dangerous stunt, but all for the cause of peace.

Petit later said, "For a moment, the entire crowd had forgotten their differences."

Petit's walk reminds of another breathtaking moment – the one that occurred when Jesus' body hung between heaven and earth.

Far from a spectacle to promote peace, Jesus the Messiah actually made peace by shedding His blood on the cross. His was a feat never to be surpassed. His peace is everlasting. ¹

Christ is the first of all who will rise from the dead, so He is first in everything. For God in all His fullness, was pleased to live in Christ, and by Christ God reconciled everything to Himself.

He made peace with everything in heaven and on earth by means of His blood on the cross. This includes you who were once far away from God. (Colossians 1:18-21)

Easter – Resurrection Sunday – is the most important celebration in the Christian faith. Truth be told, it is the most important holiday in the world. Yet, it is harder to celebrate.

In the book *Bread and Wine: Readings for Lent and Easter*, Frederica Mathewes-Green writes a reflection titled, "Merry Easter?" She writes:

My friend Mitch is Jewish, but his encounters with suffering during medical training led him to doubt whether there is even a God. Yet, last Christmas he sent me this note:

Looking at the Christmas thing as a man raised in a Jewish home, the big celebration in Christianity should be Easter. No Easter, no Christianity. So all the focus on Christmas, at least to me, seems misdirected.

Why Christians don't whoop it up more at Easter is a mystery to me. How inspirational! How joyful! That is the time to toast each other, lay on gifts, attend worship services, pack in the rich food. Something really substantial and holy to remember.

No Easter, no Christianity. Mitch has a point. If Jesus didn't rise from the dead, who cares whether he was born in a manger or a 7-Eleven? If Jesus didn't rise from the dead, Christmas is meaningless too. ²

Jesus did rise from the dead. While a baby and a manger is easier to explain than a cross and death, the resurrection from the dead brings with it an offer for life for all. Jesus didn't just rise from the dead, Jesus is life for all those who believe in Him. That is good news of peace and joy and a hearty Hallelujah!

¹ Blase, John. "Making Peace in Jesus" *Our Daily Bread January/February/March 2025*. Monday, March 17.

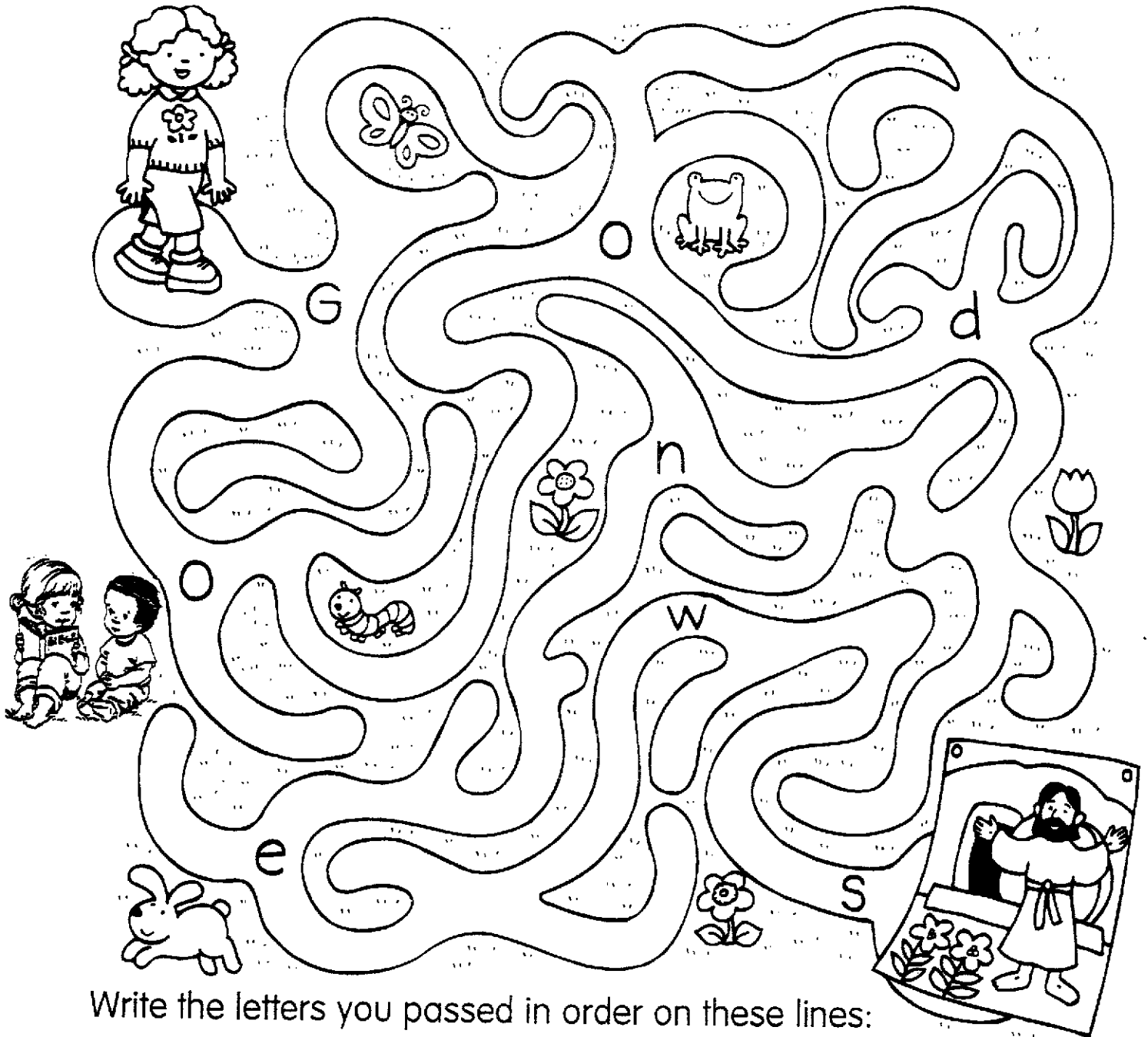
² Mathewes-Green, Frederica. "Merry Easter?" *Bread and Wine: Readings for Lent and Easter*. Walden, NY: Plough Publishing House, 2003, pages 267-268.

Children's Camp



Puzzle 68

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:
Jesus said, "I am alive for ever and ever!"
(Revelation 1:18)

Digging In:
People are separated from God for wrongs.
Jesus never did anything wrong or bad.
He agreed to die for things we do wrong.
Jesus died on the cross for everyone.
He was raised from the dead and is alive.
If we believe Jesus, we will be alive forever.

The Acmar Community Quilt

"It only takes a spark to get a fire going,

And soon, all those around can warm up in its glowing.

That's how it is with God's love...you want to pass it on."

In 2009, Kay Hammett was concerned about her adult son, Scott. On the autism spectrum, Scott was very quiet and stayed in his room most of the time when he wasn't working. Kay knew children with disabilities received services and enjoyed many activities at school, but there were no social opportunities in this area for them after they left school. So she ran the idea of creating a social club for adults with disabilities by her family, and they were 100% supportive. She asked the church and found they were willing to provide some financial assistance. She approached the Moody city leaders who agreed to let them have the White's Chapel center free of charge for their meetings. Everything fell into place for the creation of Moody Challenged Adults (MCA) and they held their first meeting November 4th, 2009, with six members.

It's a diverse group of personalities, disabilities, and gifts. To begin with, meetings consisted of snacks, activities, and wrapped up with BINGO. But this group grew, generally around 22 people at any given time, and they wanted to do more. A connection with the local Kiwanis helped them become part of a national service organization called the Aktion Club. They vote on officers and a song leader every two years. Meetings are called to order and they do the Pledge of Allegiance and sing the national anthem. Meeting on the 1st and 3rd Wednesdays of each month, the first Wednesday, they take care of any business and plan future calendars, have guest speakers and a birthday party for anyone in the club having a birthday that month. The 3rd Wednesdays have other activities related to the seasons, crafts, talent shows, show and tell about hobbies or interests, and/or work on service projects. And they do a lot of service projects! School supplies, letters to Veterans, Christmas shopping for a needy family or sponsoring an "Angel Tree" wish, Christmas Shoe Boxes, Miracle League, and a big canned food Alabama/Auburn contest in November with all the cans going to the local food bank are just some of what they do for others. Sometimes there are special activities at other places. The meetings still wrap up with some serious BINGO!

Over the years, the number of members changed as some have gone on to live in other programs or situations, but with more confidence and social skills than before, while new people have discovered MCA. Sadly, they've lost some members who passed away, but many of the original core group still remain in what has become a close extended family. (And now Scott does standup comedy and writes his own jokes!)



April 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2  MCA 3-5 White's Chapel	3	4	5  Lester Gable
6  CHURCH 9 am	7  Darrell Wolfe	8	9  Helen Gable	10  Moody Sr. BINGO 10 a	11	12
13 CHURCH 9 	14	15	16  MCA 3-5 White's Chapel	17  Bonnie Goodner Maundy Worship 6 p	18 	19
20 CHURCH 9 a EASTER 	21	22	23	24	25  Jessie Lee Sims	26
27 CHURCH 9 am  Daniel Baker Daniel Cash	28	29	30  Brooklynn Smith Dave Fegenbush	Website www. acmarumc. org	Audio Sermon Podcasts On Website	<i>Soul Miner</i> on the Website in Gallery

Soul Food for April

Mon., March 31
Tue., April 1
Wed., April 2
Thur., April 3
Fri., April 4
Sat., April 5

Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8
1 John 3:16-24
Genesis 32:22-32

Mon., April 7
Tue., April 8
Wed., April 9
Thur., April 10
Fri., April 11
Sat., April 12

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
Luke 19:28-40
Luke 22:14-71
Luke 23:1-56
Psalm 104:14-23
1 Peter 5:8-11

Mon., April 14
Tue., April 15
Wed., April 16
Thur., April 17
Fri., April 18
Sat., April 19

Acts 10:34-43
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
1 Corinthians 15:19-26
Luke 24:1-12
Psalm 119:105-112
1 John 1:5-10

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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



Food for the Soul

Mon., April 21
Tue., April 22
Wed., April 23
Thur., April 24
Fri., April 25
Sat., April 26

Acts 5:27-32
Psalm 150
Revelation 1:4-8
John 20:19-31
Isaiah 55:1-11
Psalm 37:3-11

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