



The Acmar Soul Miner

Searching for wisdom

As for hidden treasures...

For the Lord gives wisdom



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Religious Freedom

William Penn was born on October 14, 1644 in London England. He was the son of a naval officer, later knighted as Admiral Sir William Penn.

In 1660, Penn went to school at Christ Church College, Oxford University. The university students were becoming extravagant in dress and behavior, and Penn did not like this.

He also opposed the university rule that everyone must attend the Church of England, because he believed in religious freedom and the individual's right to worship as he pleased.

He met with other students, outside the university, and was expelled from school. His father sent William to France and Italy, hoping that the fashionable life there would make the boy forget his current religious beliefs.

It seemed to have worked. After two years of travel and study, William returned home as a fashionable gentleman. The signs of his religious zeal were gone. His pleased father sent him to study law at Lincoln's Inn, London.

William Penn went to Ireland in 1667 to manage his father's estates. There he became acquainted with Thomas Loe, a Quaker preacher. Loe convinced him of the Quaker faith. Penn was 22 years old.

He put aside his brilliant future, to become a Quaker when they were being scorned, ridiculed, imprisoned, and sometimes put to death. His father was heartbroken. Their struggle caused them both much pain.

Penn was imprisoned three times as a Quaker preacher and writer. As Penn traveled with George Fox and other Quaker leaders to the Netherlands and Germany, he met other people eager to settle in a free, new land.

Some people in England also wanted to settle where they could worship without fear. Penn realized that the hope was in America.

King Charles II owed Penn's father an unpaid debt, which with interest amounted to about \$80,000. In 1680, Penn asked the king to repay the debt with wilderness land in America.

On March 5, 1681, a charter was granted, giving Penn the territory west of the Delaware River between New York and Maryland. The charter also gave him almost unlimited ruling power over it. The King's council added *Penn* to the suggested name of *Sylvania*, making *Pennsylvania*, which means *Penn's Woods*.

Penn opened the land to the Quakers and they moved in by the thousands from England, Germany, Netherlands, and Wales. He also invited religious freedom to others who faced persecution in Europe. This included German Catholics, Lutherans and Anabaptist groups like the Mennonites, Amish and Brethren.

He drew up a Frame of Government for his colony, which greatly influenced later charters. The influence of this document is noticeable even in the Constitution of the United States.

The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution:
Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press, or the right of the people peaceable to assemble and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.

Christian believers find freedom from sin by worshipping Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage.

(Galatians 5:1)

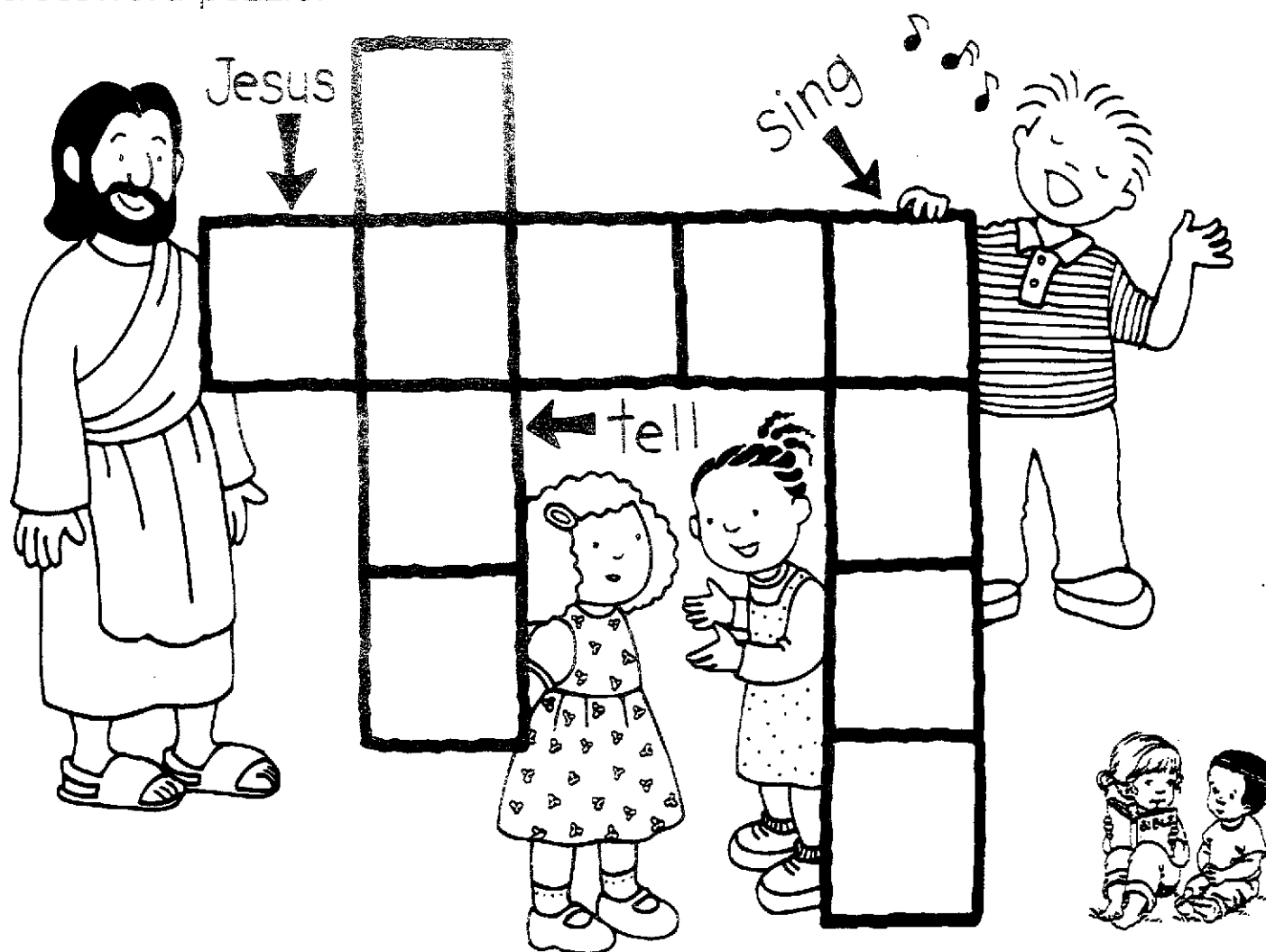
Children's Camp

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

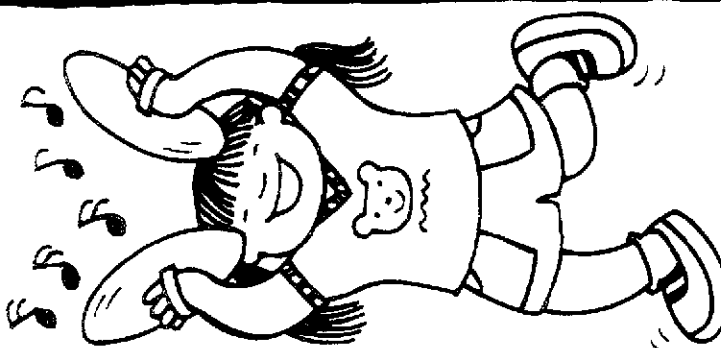


Puzzle 72

Use the pictures and words below to fill in the crossword puzzle.



"Sing to
God;
tell of
all his
wonderful
acts."



(See Psalm 105:2.)

The wisdom of God.

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

Look Here:

Our Bible says, "Sing to God; tell of all His wonderful acts." (See Psalm 105:2)

Digging In:

In America, we have the freedom to worship. We can sing to God and tell others about God. We can go to church and read our Bible.

The people who founded America wanted it to be a place where people were free and equal.

The Acmar Community Quilt

The following is a continuation of an article in the Birmingham News from July 17, 1936, describing the Alabama Fuel & Iron Company. The term "welfare" in this article was used in a way that welfare is defined as "the health, happiness, and fortunes of a person or group," not as a support for persons in need.

Provisions for Welfare

Assessments in small amounts are made as follows: A hospital fee of 25 cents per month for each man, in the consideration of which no further expense is incurred in giving hospital attention in Birmingham to men who are injured.

A physician's fee of \$1 per month for each head of a family, and 50 cents per month for each single man, by which full medical attention is rendered every sick person in the camp.

A school fee of 50 cents per month for each head of a family and 25 cents for each single man, by which every child of school age, both colors, is given free tuition in the schools of the camp.

And so this co-operation makes less expensive these necessary adjuncts to community convenience, welfare, and comfort at Acmar.

Two hall buildings, two stories, for church, school, and lodge uses, have been erected by the company for the free use of the miners and their families, the one far enough removed from the other to make distinct the separation of the two races. These buildings are substantially constructed and attractive in appearance.

Dancing and skating pavilions, ball parks, and play grounds add to the attractions, and double daily passenger service by rail removes any obligation that might be suggested to remoteness from Birmingham and other cities.

Acmar is what may be called a continuous mine. It never closes down, except when railroad cars cannot be obtained. The superiority of the coal for both domestic and steam purposes makes sales certain and contracts are always in existence 12 months in advance.

Under date of June 27, the state mine inspector reports as follows on Acmar:

"Kind of opening, drift: kind of explosives used, Monobel: how ventilated, natural: ventilation, moisture, and timbering, good: special mine rules posted at the shop: first aid supplies on hand."

All pumping at this mine is done by electric power. In fact, the company's electric plant affords power for everything, except outside hoisting which is done by steam.

(Note: miners could also choose to have \$1 per month deducted to go toward preachers)

July 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Website www.acmarumc.org		1  Shyla Johnson Liz Reeves	2  Patty Crocker	3  Glenda Mancill	4  INDEPENDENCE DAY	5
6 CHURCH 9  Communion	7	8	9 Highway 77 Fish Market 11 am 74551 AL 77 Lincoln AL	10  Moody Sr. BINGO 10 a	11	12  Jackson Wimberly
13 CHURCH 9  Maddie Grace Wilson	14	15	16  MCA 3-5 White's Chapel	17	18  Laura Carpenter	19  Vicki Siegrist
20 CHURCH 9 Gideons 	21  Christopher Champion	22	23	24	25	26  Rhonda Turner Payton
27  CHURCH 9 am	28	29  Astrid Carpenter	30	31	Audio Sermon Podcasts On Website	Soul Miner on the Website in Gallery

SOUL FOOD for JULY

Mon., June 30
 Tue., July 1
 Wed., July 2
 Thur., July 3
 Fri., July 4
 Sat., July 5

2 Kings 5:1-14
Psalm 30
Galatians 6:1-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
Isaiah 40:26-31
Colossians 3:12-17

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Moody, AL 35004 Phone: 205 640 4325
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., July 7
 Tue., July 8
 Wed., July 9
 Thur., July 10
 Fri., July 11
 Sat., July 12

Amos 7:7-17
Psalm 82
Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37
Philippians 4:4-9
Luke 21:1-4



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

Hosea 1:2-10
Psalm 85
Colossians 2:6-15
Luke 11:1-13
Mark 4:3-8
Psalm 139:13-18

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

Amos 8:1-12
Psalm 52
Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42
Ephesians 3:14-21
Galatians 5:22-26

Mon., July 28
 Tue., July 29
 Wed., July 30
 Thur., July 31
 Fri., August 1
 Sat., August 2

Hosea 11:1-11
Psalm 107:1-9. 43
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21
Isaiah 41:8-16
James 5:13-16