



The Acmar Soul Miner

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



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More Than a Fastball

Before baseball's 1906 World Series, sportswriter Hugh Stuart Fullerton III made an astute prediction. He said the Chicago Cubs, who had won 116 games and were expected to win, would lose the first and third games.

Fullerton said that it would rain on the fourth game. He was right on each point. The White Sox, who had batted an anemic .230 with only seven home runs during the season, won the series against their cross city rivals. Chicago White Sox won four games to two.

While statistics and analytics are common in today's sports world, Fullerton was one of the first to study the details of the game and make use of baseball statistics. He used data he collected to correctly predict the winners of the 1912, 1915, 1916, and 1917 World Series.

In 1919, a tip from professional gamblers and his analytical skills told him certain players were losing World Series games intentionally. Watching the 1919 World Series between the Chicago White Sox and the Cincinnati Reds with former pitching great, Christy Mathewson, they counted suspicious plays.

Fullerton's article for *The Evening World*, "Is Big League Baseball Being Run for Gamblers, with Players in the Deal?," forced the baseball establishment to investigate the charges. Popular opinion ridiculed him. He was right.

One year later, the eight White Sox ballplayers who participated in, or knew of, the plot to throw the series were banned from the game for life.¹

¹*Our Daily Bread*. September 15, 2023, "The Message of the Prophets."

Wikipedia. "Hugh Stuart Fullerton III."

Hugh Stuart Fullerton III was no prophet – just a wise man who studied the evidence.

When Jesus spoke to the multitudes in Luke 12:54-57, He challenged them to discern their times and to judge what is right.

Jesus said, "Whenever you see a cloud rising out of the west, immediately you say, 'A shower is coming' and so it is.

"When you see the south wind blow, you say, 'There will be hot weather' and there is.

"Hypocrites! You can discern the face of the sky and of the earth, but how is it you do not discern this time?

"Yes, and why, even of yourselves, do you not judge what is right?" (Luke 12:54-57)

The religious leaders in Jesus' time on earth were longing for the predictions of prophets while missing the obvious signs that He was the Messiah. He was preaching the good news of salvation, healing the sick, feeding the hungry and casting out demons. He was proclaiming the love of a Heavenly Father. He was promising the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Let us not miss our time.

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son ... (Hebrews 1:1-2)

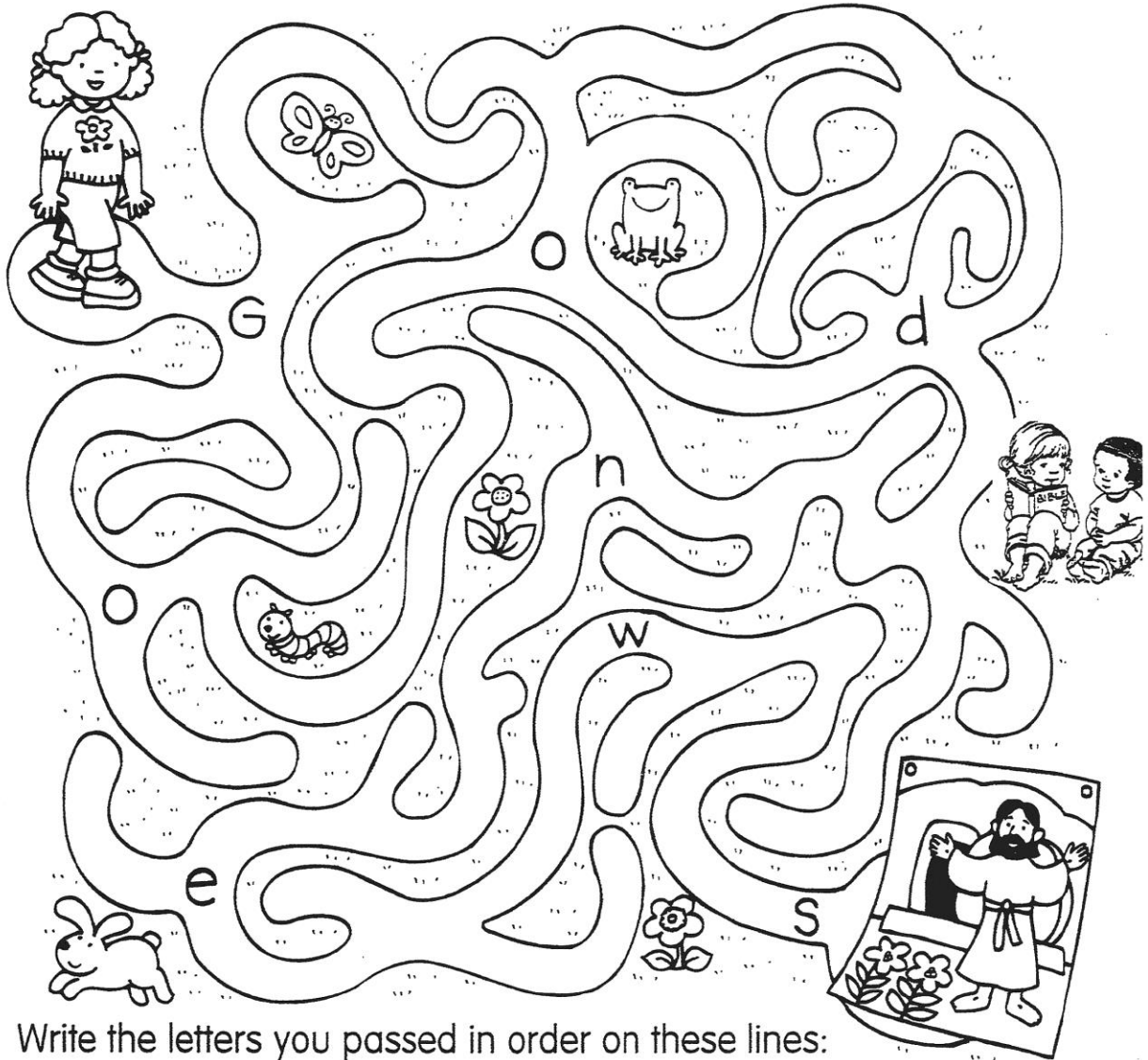
Through Jesus' life death, and resurrection, and through the Scriptures and guidance of the Holy Spirit, God's truth still instructs today.

May we understand our world by studying the evidence that God, who created our world, has given to us and continues to give to us.

Children's Camp



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:
*In times past God spoke by His prophets.
In these last days God has spoken to us by
His Son, Jesus Christ. (Hebrews 1:1-2)*

Digging In:
Prophets were used by God to speak truth.
They told about right and wrong and hope.

Jesus was born as God's Son.
He was even more than a prophet.
He taught right and wrong and gave hope.
He died on the cross to forgive our sins.
Rising from the dead; He is with us in Spirit.

The Acmar Community Quilt

Sharon Layton Erikson recently visited Acmar and drove around with her daughter sharing memories of time spent here. She has shared them with us, too.

The happiest memories I have is when I was raised in Acmar. I lived there until I was seven years old in the early 1950s. My mother passed away just after I had turned seven and I was sent to live with my paternal grandparents in Coal City. My maternal grandparents were Wesley and Julie Gould in Acmar.

My parents lived in several different houses in Acmar, but the one I remember most was a little building that I've always called "The Library." It was located across the bridge over Little Black Creek and up the hill. I seem to recall that it was in the area where the Commissary and other community buildings were located. The house had two rooms. There was a small room up front that I remember as the little kitchen area where Mama made biscuits with breakfast. There was a step down into the other room which was quite large. It had at least two or three windows on each side of the room and each window had a window seat built below it. It was such a cute building that has stayed in my memory all these years. I would love to know more about the building and if it really was a library at one time. I can't remember if someone told me it used to be a library or if I just called it that.













Even though I had to go live in Coal City, I would come back to Acmar to stay with my Gould grandparents. I was so happy being there to visit. Another fun memory is that of the "Rolling Store" that came through Acmar from time to time. I loved the Kool-aid and cookies that came with attending Vacation Bible School at the Acmar church, and I was always happy to see the arrival of the county Bookmobile.

I treasure my years there in Acmar and would love to know if someone could share some information about the little "house" I called the Library.

Sharon Erikson



October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 CHURCH 9 a  Communion	2  Jeff Baker	3	4 BIBLE STUDY 10 a MCA 3-5 p White's Chapel	5	6	7 OKTOBERFEST Moody Park 9-3 Midge Turner 
8 CHURCH 9 a  Greg Bosworth	9  Happy Columbus Day COLUMBUS	10	11 BIBLE STUDY 10 a SUPPER 6 p Donna Turner 	12  MOODY BINGO 10 a	13	14
15  CHURCH 9 a	16  Lauren Turner Howard	17	18 BIBLE STUDY 10 a MCA 3-5 p White's Chapel	19	20	21
22 CHURCH 9 a  Matt Byers	23	24	25  Blake Howard		27	28
29 CHURCH 9 a Singing/Sharing UMCOR OFFERING BRUNCH 10	30	31  HALLOWEEN			Audio Sermon Podcasts On Website	Soul Miner on the Website in Gallery

Soul Food for October

Mon., October 2
Tue., October 3
Wed., October 4
Thur., October 5
Fri., October 6
Sat., October 7

Exodus 20:1-20
Psalm 19
Philippians 3:4-14
Matthew 21:33-46
Jeremiah 31:1-14
Acts 16:25-40

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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., October 9
Tue., October 10
Wed., October 11
Thur., October 12
Fri., October 13
Sat., October 14

Exodus 32:1-14
Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23
Philippians 4:1-9
Matthew 22:1-14
Matthew 25:31-40
Psalm 4:1-8



Mon., October 23
Tue., October 24
Wed., October 25
Thur., October 26
Fri., October 27
Sat., October 28

Deuteronomy 34:1-14
Psalm 90:1-6, 13-17
1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-46
John 10:14-18
Matthew 14:22-33

Mon., October 16
Tue., October 17
Wed., October 18
Thur., October 19
Fri., October 20
Sat., October 21

Exodus 33:12-23
Psalm 99
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10
Matthew 22:15-22
Psalm 139:1-6
Psalm 30:1-5

Mon., October 30
Tue., October 31
Wed., November 1
Thur., November 2
Fri., November 3
Sat., November 4

Joshua 3:7-17
Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Matthew 23:1-12