



## The Acmar Soul Miner

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



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### Instructions of a Father

There was a man who had four sons. He wanted his sons to learn not to judge things too quickly. So he sent them each on a quest, in turn, to go and look at a pear tree that was a great distance away.

The first son went in the winter, the second in the spring, the third in summer, and the youngest son in the fall.

When they had all gone and come back, the father called them together to describe what they had seen.

The first son said, "The tree was ugly, bent and twisted."

The second son said, "No – it was covered with green buds and full of promise."

The third son disagreed. He said, "The tree was covered with blossoms that smelled so sweet and looked so beautiful. It was the most graceful thing I had ever seen."

The last son disagreed with them all. He said, "The tree was ripe and drooping with fruit, full of life and fulfillment."

The father explained to his sons that they were all right, because they had each seen but only one season in the tree's life.

He told them that you cannot judge a tree, or a person, by only one season. The essence of who they are – and the pleasure, joy and love that come from that life – can only be measured at the end, when all the seasons are complete.

If you give up when it's winter, you will miss the promise of spring, the beauty of your summer, and the fulfillment of your fall.

Don't let the pain of one season destroy the joy of all the rest. Don't judge life by one difficult season. Persevere throughout the difficult patches and better times are sure to come some time or later. <sup>1</sup>

***My son, hear the instruction of your father,  
And do not forsake the law of your mother;***

***For they will be a graceful ornament on  
your head, and chains about your neck.***  
(Proverbs 1:8-9)

Fathers, mothers and children go through many seasons. It is good for both parents and children to remember that a season or two is not the entire life as a child or parent.

It is good in reflection to extend grace when remembering a difficult or unfruitful season.

One of the characteristics of our loving Heavenly Father that we appreciate is that God promises to forgive and forget our sins.

***I will forgive their wrongdoings, and  
I will never again remember their sins.***  
(Hebrews 8:12)

God extends this grace through His Son, Jesus Christ. When we believe that Jesus died on the cross for our sins and ask for forgiveness, we are forgiven and God does not hold our sin against us. This belief in Jesus Christ grants us the gift of eternal life.

***In the middle of the street and on either  
side of the river, was the tree of life, which  
bore twelve fruits, each tree yielding its  
fruit every month...*** (Revelation 22:2)

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<sup>1</sup> Bruce, Kalen. *Freedom Sprout*.

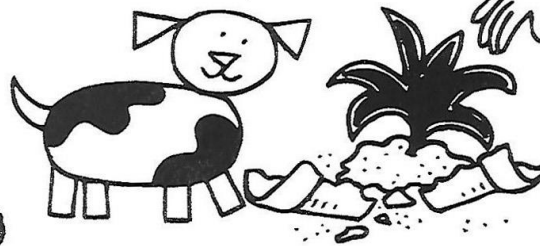
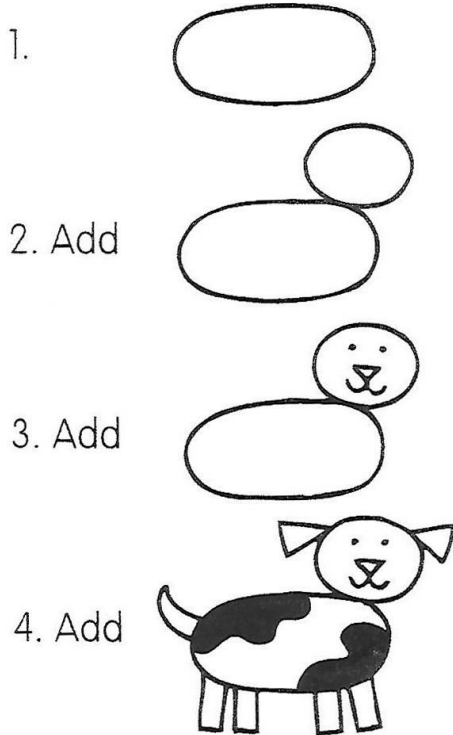
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"Four Seasons of a Tree." Author unknown.

# Children's Camp

Gospel Light's Big Book of Kindergarten Puzzles.

Puzzle 84

Draw a dog by following the steps.



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

**Look Here:**  
***My son, hear the instruction of your father.***  
***(Proverbs 1:8)***

## Digging In:

What might the father be saying to his son?  
What might the boy be saying to his father?

What do you think happened to the plant?

What could the boy do to help clean up?



## The Acmar Community Quilt

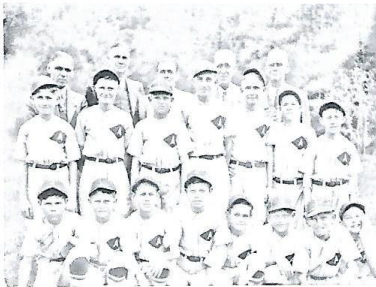
According to Wikipedia, the Boy Scouts of America was founded in 1910, and since then, about 110 million Americans participated in BSA programs at some time in their lives. Most people are familiar with some of the basic principles that scouting was meant to teach like values, responsible citizenship, character development, and self-reliance through participation in a wide range of outdoor activities.



BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

In addition to the many aspects of creating “communities” rather than just mining “camps”, Alabama Fuel & Iron Company also sponsored Boy Scout troops. Lessons learned in scouting fit in well with DeBardeleben’s emphasis on patriotism and self-sufficiency. The troop in Acmar was organized by Mr. R.C. McClain in 1938. The troop held their meetings in the Acmar Church.

In July of that year, the Acmar scouts hiked from Acmar to Margaret. There, they cooked out, played games, had contests and then hiked back home to Acmar. There were many activities shared between the two company sponsored troops. Acmar’s youth baseball teams were also a part of the local Boy Scouts. Charlie DeBardeleben paid for the boys’ “official” uniforms up front, and then the scouts did odd jobs around the community to make money and repaid the cost. The Acmar scouts’ team played against other company teams from Margaret, Overton, and anywhere else games could be arranged.













As times changed and the US moved toward war, the scouts were no longer meeting regularly. Several members of that original troop called the “Senior Platoon” went on to be serving in the Armed Forces during the war. They were: Lloyd Adams, Kent Adams, Elmer Alverson, Anon Bosworth Jr., Fulton Bosworth, Coy Bradshaw, Buel Clements, Harold Cole, Grady Davis, Clifton Eagan, Emmet Forehand, J.W. Forehand Jr., Coy Fulmer, Raymond Franks, James Alfred Hammock, Bobby Hyde, Grady Lovell, Clifton Minyard, Otis Moore Jr., Harold Newton, Charles Nix, Prentiss O’Barr, Eugene Prance, Miles Prance, Bud Phillips, Donald Richardson, Walter Rodgers, Frank Riley, George Smith Jr., Ray Smith, Burl Shirley, and Willard Tice.

In 1943, the Acmar Boy Scouts were reorganized by Mike Slovensky, who had served as Assistant Scoutmaster. Mike planned a full program of activities that he outlined for that summer, so the boy scouts could look forward to some real outings. In that June, they had a special Friday night camp out near Mine No 6, which was located near the White’s Chapel community. That was just one of the campouts and camp experiences they shared. Neal Rodgers remembers that all his brothers were members of the Acmar Boy Scouts. He remembers going to Camp Arrowhead on the Coosa River east of Clanton. He stayed active in the scouts until his family moved to Talladega in 1945.

If anyone else has memories of scouting in Acmar, We’d like to hear about them!

## June 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Audio Sermons on Acmar UMC Website		1	2	3	4	5
6  CHURCH 9 am	7	8	9	10	11	12
13  CHURCH 9 am	14  FLAG DAY	15  James Turner	16	17  Maggie Lamphear	18	19
20 CHURCH 9 am FATHER'S DAY 1 <sup>ST</sup> DAY OF SUMMER	21 	22	23	24	25  Heather Reeves	26  Henry Turner
27  CHURCH 9 am	28	29	30  Clara Byers  Calye Fernandes			Soul Miner on Acmar UMC Website in the Gallery

### SOUL FOOD FOR JUNE

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

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Moody, AL 35004 Phone: 205 640 4325  
Moody Crossroads / Intersection Hwy. 411/Cty. 10  
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., June 7  
Tue., June 8  
Wed., June 9  
Thur., June 10  
Fri., June 11  
Sat., June 12

1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13  
Psalm 20  
2 Corinthians 5:6-17  
Mark 4:26-34  
Ephesians 2:19-22  
Ephesians 4:11-14



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

2 Samuel 1:1-4, 17-27  
Psalm 130  
2 Corinthians 8:7-15  
Mark 5:21-43  
John 17:13-21  
Romans 12:1-2

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

1 Samuel 17:1-49  
Psalm 9:9-20  
2 Corinthians 6:1-13  
Mark 4:35-41  
Galatians 3:23-29  
Galatians 4:1-7

Mon., June 28  
Tue., June 29  
Wed., June 30  
Thur., July 1  
Fri., July 2  
Sat., July 3

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10  
Psalm 48  
2 Corinthians 12:2-10  
Mark 6:1-13  
2 Corinthians 3:17-18  
Galatians 5:1, 13-16, 22-25