

KIDS BULLETIN
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**LEARN ABOUT SAINTS,
HOCUS POCUS, COUNTRY
MUSIC MONTH, NATIONAL
Caramel APPLE DAY
AND YOU MATTER TO
ME DAY**



Guardian Angels Feast Day October 2

Here is a riddle for you: I am always with you, but you never see me. I am not God, but I was created by God. I protect and guide you. Who am I?

God gave us guardian angels to protect and guide us. Saint Jerome wrote that the human soul is so valuable in heaven that every human person has a guardian angel from the moment the person comes into being. These pure spirits, which we can neither see nor feel, play an important role in our lives. Jesus refers to them when he says, "Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones; for, I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven" (Matthew 18:10).



Angels are messengers from God. The word angel comes from the Greek word for "messenger." In a very real way, these powerful spirits point out to us the ways of God. Guardian angels assist us in work or study. In times of temptation, these spiritual beings direct us to do good. Thomas Aquinas said that angels are the most excellent of creatures because they have the greatest intelligence next to God.

Perhaps the guardian angels are best known for protecting us from physical danger, but their main role is to care for the salvation of our souls. It is wonderful to know that God has promised to love, protect, and be with us always. One way he does this is through the care of the angels. Whenever you meet with danger or discouragement, your guardian angel is your personal, heavenly bodyguard. The angels also offer prayers to God for us. Because angels always see and hear God, they can intercede for us. We should love our guardian angels, respect them, and pray to them.

In early Christianity there was no feast for the guardian angels, just one for the archangels. But in the 15th and 16th centuries, the feast of the Guardian Angels was unofficially celebrated in Austria, Spain, and Portugal. In 1608 Pope Paul V made it a universal feast. In doing so, he helped to make us aware of the guardian angels, not just one day in October, but every day of our lives.

Saint Anthony Mary Claret Feast Day October 24

The well-liked Spanish priest Anthony Claret was the fifth of eleven children. His family was poor but hard working. Weaving was a family trade. Anthony's earliest memories of home were the family's praying the rosary and going to church. From this environment grew his deep love and devotion to Jesus and Mary.

By age twenty-one Anthony had been educated and was in much demand for his skill as a weaver. While suffering because of poor health, Anthony imagined himself as a Carthusian monk. He went to the bishop for advice. The bishop suggested that he first go to the diocesan seminary and then, if he wished, leave and become a monk. Anthony followed this advice and enjoyed seminary life.

Anthony was assigned as archbishop of Cuba. Not having had an archbishop for fourteen years, the island was in need of renewal. Anthony reorganized the seminary training, preached in all the churches, heard confessions, and guided people to Christ. He worked for updated farm methods and credit unions. He wanted the people to own their own farms, knowing that this would improve family life. He made enemies by teaching black slaves. Fifteen times people tried to assassinate him.

After eight years, Anthony was called to Spain to be Queen Isabella II's confessor. He obeyed unhappily. He and the queen agreed that he would



not live at the palace but come only to hear her confession and instruct her children. This freed him to open a religious publishing house and write more than two hundred books and pamphlets.

In 1886 a revolution took place, and those associated with the court fled to Rome where Vatican Council I was in session. There he defended the infallibility of the pope. Then he returned to a Cistercian monastery in France where he stayed in solitude until his death.

HOCUS POCUS — THE MOVIE FROM 1993!



Country Music Month

Country Music Month is celebrated in October! President Richard Nixon's monumental contributions are well-known in America throughout history, one being that he proclaimed Country Music Month. October was picked by the Country Music Association to recognize artists of the genre and their tunes that we still sing along.

Country Music History

- **Country Music Month was initially observed in 1964, but it was not until President Richard Nixon made his proclamation in 1970 to celebrate October as Country Music Month that it became a celebration.**
- **After classical music, country music was among the first genres of popular American music. It developed as a fusion of church music, folk music, and African-American blues in the southeastern states of America. The instruments used to play country music were the mandolin, fiddle, acoustic guitar, banjo, and autoharp.**
- **In the early 1920s, country music was a successfully recorded genre. In 1922, Eck Robertson produced the first commercial country record under the Victor Records label. The first successful country single was 'Wreck of the Old '97' by Vernon Dalhart in 1924. Facts aside, country music lovers and historians mark the signing of Jimmie Rodgers and The Carter Family in 1927 as the actual moment when country music was born. Jimmie Rodgers became successful nationally and is known as the 'Father of Country Music.'**
- **In the 1930s and 1940s, cowboy films featured country music soundtracks and influenced the genre's evolution. Country music is still alive and trending today. In the 2000s, artists like Shania Twain and Taylor Swift have appealed to the younger generation with their country music styles.**



National Caramel Apple Day! October 31st

As if October 31 wasn't awesome enough with costumes, ghouls, candy, and spooky things galore - it's also National Caramel Apple Day! Caramel apples and Halloween go together like ghosts, goblins, tricks, and treats.

In the 1950s, a Kraft Foods employee had a plethora of caramel candies leftover from the ghoulish holiday and, apparently, a few apples as well. Figuring out a way to use up these extra caramels, the confectioner, Dan Walker, decided to melt them and covered the apples with the melted caramel, creating an immediate autumnal classic.

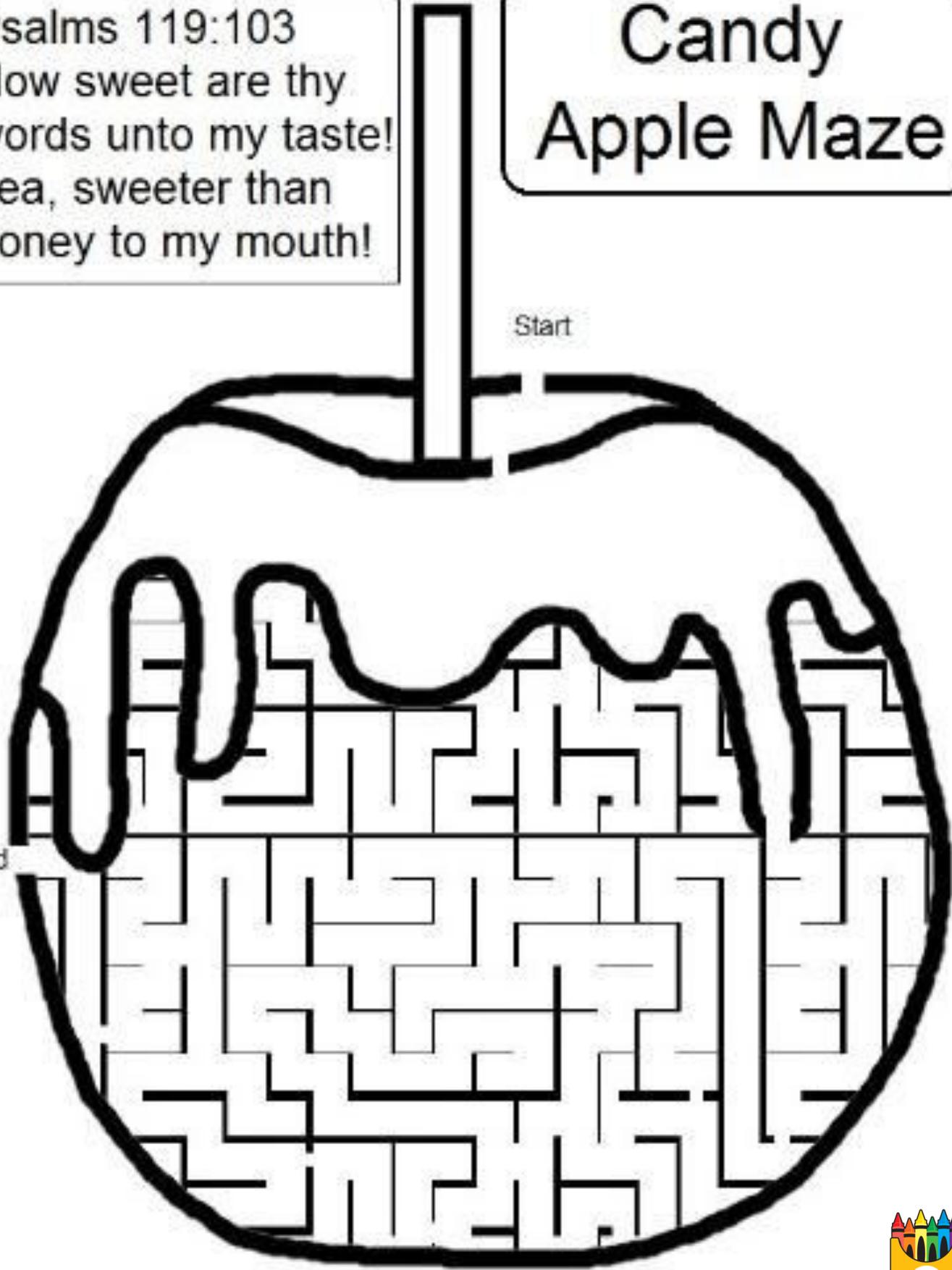
As fall is associated so commonly with apple picking, apple cider and caramel apples don't fall far from the metaphorical tree. So as apple season comes to a close in late October, the remaining apples are either used to create a hot cider, apple pie, or deliciously sticky and sweet caramel apples.

Psalms 119:103
How sweet are thy
words unto my taste!
yea, sweeter than
honey to my mouth!

Candy Apple Maze

Start

End



You Matter To Me Day on October 7 may not seem like a big deal to many. But do you know how many individuals have lost their loved ones without being given a chance to tell them how important they are? Yes, expressing your feelings regularly is one of the most critical and essential aspects of any relationship.

HOW TO OBSERVE YOU MATTER TO ME DAY

Tell someone they matter to you

Use this day as the perfect opportunity to list down the people that matter to you. Now grab your phone and start calling them.

Celebrate with your family

The best way to celebrate the day is to have a small gathering with your family members who are with you through thick and thin.

Send cards to your friends

Missing your friends who you don't get to speak to often? Use this day to let them know how important they are by sending them cards in the mail.

