I AM: The Greatest Battle of Your Life

Unit 1: Into the Cave

Lesson 6: Celebration

The Cave of Wisdom

Cave Opening: The Burning Bush

Welcome back to The Cave of "Jealousy". Jealousy can prevent us from enjoying the accomplishments that God has enabled us and others to fulfill. The key to overcoming jealousy is "Sharing Celebration". It is critical to achieving God's dream for us. It's difficult to be jealous of someone if you are laughing and enjoying their success, so have fun! During celebrations you will share singing, dancing, rejoicing, and praising God.

Now we review the progress made in the cave. You began in the "Cave of Fear". This is where Elijah was found hiding by God. Then you learned that "Unbelief" can stop you from even beginning the journey to the Dream God has for your life.

But in the cave of "Un-Commitment" you learned that it isn't enough to believe something, you must commit yourself with all of your heart. "Love the Lord, your God, with all your heart".

Next you learned in the cave of "Obstacles" that trusting God unlocks the power to achieve the dream that God has for your life. Now we celebrate the beginning of wisdom in the cave of Jealousy, which unless overcome with celebration sharing, will destroy your journey as you will see in the story of Pharaoh and Moses as brothers.

<u>Circle of Fire:</u> The Power of Celebrating

It's party time! The Celebration Dance – Pharaoh, Pharaoh

Scripture: Psalm 33:3 (New International Version)

³ Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy.

Isaiah 42:10 (New International Version)

Song of Praise to the Lord

¹ºSing to the LORD a new song,
his praise from the ends of the earth,
you who go down to the sea, and all that is in it,
you islands, and all who live in them.

Biblical Character: Pharaoh

Pharaoh was a jealous ruler, who refused to believe in the power of "I AM". But Moses trusted "I AM" to complete His promise to free the people of Israel. Act out the part of jealous Pharaoh Thutmose III, who claims that Moses stole his name "Moses" from Thutmose. "My father died while Moses was away as general fighting the Ethiopians. He defeated the enemy and returned to me to claim his victories. He appeared to be greater than me, pharaoh. I couldn't allow this to happen ... I am the greatest. You will celebrate me by singing Pharaoh, Pharaoh."

Show the Pharaoh, Pharaoh video.

Modern Character(s): Chris Tomlin and his music – Forever Show the video: Chris Tomlin – Forever.

Cave Dark Side Journey: Jealous. If we fail to share in celebration of God with others, we soon forget the source of everything in our life and can become jealous of what God gives others.

The Tribe: The Power of Celebration can be seen throughout the Old Testament. God designated certain times for celebrating and remembrance for the people. We need to do the same and remember: "How great is our God!"

Craft: Do the "Flutes" craft in Appendix 8 Craft.

Recreation Activity: The Pharaoh Dance. Have members do the dance in a circle while singing Pharaoh, Pharaoh and playing the flutes made in Craft. Treat the class to ice cream. Do the Blind Sundae activity in Appendix 6 Recreation.