IAM - The Greatest Battle of Your Life

Unit 2: Who Am I

Lesson 5: The Celebration Dance

The Cave of Wisdom

The Cave Opening: The Burning Bush

Welcome back to The Cave of "Embarrassment". When I AM provides us with success, we are to celebrate it as a way to show our praise and thanks to I AM. We should not be too embarrassed of God to celebrate what He does for us. Miriam couldn't wait to celebrate I AM's deliverance of the people through the Red Sea.

Circle of Fire: The Celebration Dance

Scripture: Ex. 15: 19-20 Miriam took a tambourine in her hand and all the women followed her, with tambourines and dancing. Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the Lord, for he is highly exalted. The horse and its rider he has hurled into the sea."

Biblical Character(s): Miriam and Miriam's Rock

Miriam knew what to do after crossing the Red Sea and seeing Pharaoh's army destroyed ... she grabbed her tambourine, gathered other women and started dancing. Success needs to be celebrated ... it is a gift from I Am and should be so noted. This was the Israelites first real taste of

freedom. Three divine gifts sustained the Jewish people in the desert: the Manna, the Clouds of Glory, and the Well (Miriam's Rock). The Rock provided fresh water for the people and their cattle. It also made the desert bloom. The rolling rock accompanied the people on the journey.

Play the part of Miriam and tell the story of the Rock.

Show the Jewish Dance video and teach the dance.

Modern Character(s): Iraqi's tear down the statue.

Show video of Saddam statue toppling.

The Cave Dark Side Journey: Embarrassment can prevent you from rejoicing and praising God.

The Tribe: Dance is still desirable to God and can overcome embarrassment.

Craft: Tambourines. Purchase inexpensive tambourines from a Dollar Store for each member. Have each member draw a caricature of them self and write their initials on the tambourine.

Recreation Activity: Have members do the celebration dance in a circle using the tambourines made in craft.