

I AM - The Greatest Battle of Your Life

Unit 3: A Singing Heart

Lesson 4: God's Pure Heart

The Cave of Wisdom

The Burning Bush: Seeing God through a Pure Heart

The Cave Opening:

Welcome back to the cave of Bitterness, the darkness of an injured heart. Life can deal you a lot of emotional pain, which can produce hatred, anger, and bitterness. In this lesson we will look at a wonderful gift from God ... a baby who would put out the fires of anger, remove our hatred of others, and replace our bitterness with the love of a pure heart.

A Singing Heart: Love is given by a pure heart.

Scripture: Matthew 5:8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."

Biblical Character: The Wisemen and a bitter little drummer boy.

Most of you know the story of the three wisemen bringing gifts to the baby Jesus. They followed a star to Israel and King Herod's court. Scriptures told of the messiah being born in Bethlehem, the city of David. The wisemen went there to pay homage to a new king.

Act the part of a wiseman and tell the story of the little drummer boy, an orphan who had been mistreated by people. His heart was full of anger and hatred. But God provided a way to heal the little boy's pain. The caravan of the wisemen came upon the boy in the desert thirsty and hungry. Joining the caravan, he would be fed more than physical food ... he would be fed love for others.

Show the video of The Little Drummer Boy ending. Review how his love for the injured lamb gave him a pure heart and he saw the baby Jesus.

Reality Character(s):

The Tribe: Bitterness is not a part of a pure heart. God wants us to love not hate each other. He sent His Son to us because of His great love for us.

Craft: Ornament

Recreation Activity: "My Favorite Christmas" story. Have a member begin the tale and continue the story by having others add to it.