

## ***I AM - The Greatest Battle of Your Life***

### **Unit 4: Second Chances**

#### **Lesson 6:** Second Chances

##### **The Cave of Wisdom**

##### **The Burning Bush:** God Gives Second Chances

The Cave Opening:

Welcome back to the cave of “failure”. You may think that failure is a terrible thing. Only success counts. But if you never fail, you will never learn your limits. Low risk taking may not produce failures, but it also could mean missed opportunities.

**Second Chances:** From failure to number one

***Scripture:*** John 21: 15-19 “Feed my sheep” three times. Each response of love covered the failure of denial. Jesus reinstated Peter to the ministry.

***Biblical Character:*** Peter

Jesus had been taken prisoner, was being questioned and tortured. If anyone ever needed a friend to stand beside them and encourage them, it was Jesus. Alone he faced the rulers and the mob. In the midst of all the fear and turmoil, Peter had three chances to be the friend needed. But all three times he failed the Lord. Surely such failure is never

forgiven. Would you give another chance to someone who failed you three times? What about the saying: “fool me once, shame on you; fool me twice, shame on me; fool me thrice ... well I won’t give you that chance!”. Peter was out of the flock, on his own, Jesus was dead, all hopes were gone, and worst of all, he did nothing to aid Jesus. There would be no second chance to prove his love for the master, or would there?

Show the video: I Am: Peter

**Modern Character(s):** Johnny Cash – From lost to found: “Cash used drugs heavily in his early career, claiming at one point to have tried every drug known. He quit using drugs in 1968, after a spiritual epiphany in the Nickajack Cave, when he attempted to commit suicide while under the heavy influence of drugs. He descended deeper into the cave, trying to lose himself, when he passed out on the floor. When he awoke, he had a change of heart and managed to struggle out of the cave by following a faint light and slight breeze” (from Wikipedia).

Show the video: Johnny Cash’s America

***The Tribe:*** God gives us second chances, and more to those who seek him.

**Craft:** “Second Chance Coin”. See Appendix 8 Craft for instructions and resources for this craft.

**Recreation Activity:** “I’ll get mine”

This game is a modification of “Musical Chairs” in which the last person to get a spot is the winner. But “Musical Chairs” teaches self preservation, winner takes all attitudes. Instead of teaching winning at the cost to others, we want to teach winning by giving of ourselves to others. Reverse the rules for “Musical Chairs”, but don’t tell the class members. Play the game as normal until the last person is seated. Remove this person from the game and continue with another round. Do this until only two members are left to play a round. At the end of the final round, when the music stops, the person left with no seat wins (this will be a surprise). Tell the winner at this time and explain that life is not about getting for ourselves. (Note: A suggested song to use is “What a Friend We Have In Jesus”).