



# CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

## Miriam's Tambourine and Song of Praise

**Exodus 14:19-31; Exodus 15:1b-11, 20-21**

*Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing.*

*And Miriam sang to them: "Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea."*

*Exodus 15:20-21*

After God saved the Israelites from the Egyptian army that was chasing them to take them back into slavery, the Israelites began to celebrate God's saving them in song and dance. The prophet Miriam and other women sang and danced with their tambourines. Let's make a tambourine! Then think about how God has kept you safe; and, sing a song of praise to God, dancing and playing your newly made tambourine.



## Instructions

1. Decorate the back sides of two plates. You may want to draw a picture or write a passage of scripture with markers, pencils, or other things. You can use the Song of Miriam graphic below, cutting it out and gluing/pasting it to the back of the plates. Be careful not to use things that will make the plates too heavy.
2. If the paper plates you will be using are stiff enough you will only need two. One for each side of the tambourine. If they are thin, then use four. Glue two together, at the end you will have two sides.
3. Lay one side down fill it with pinto beans, garbanzo beans, popcorn, or pebbles.
4. Lay the second plate on top. Staple it shut. Add enough staples so that the filling does not come out.
5. If you choose you can cover up the staples using a little bit of white-out and the back of the staples with a little tape. After you finish stapling it shut, you can use a hole puncher around the edge. Then add different colored ribbons if you would like.

