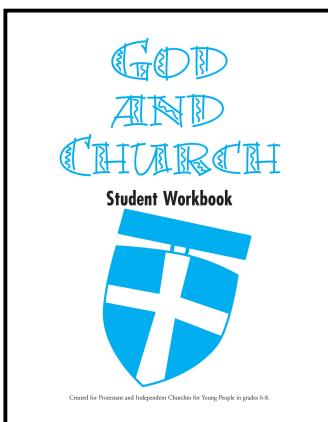


NEWS RELEASE

P.R.A.Y. ANNOUNCES NEW *GOD AND CHURCH* CURRICULUM



(St. Louis, Mo.) – Programs of Religious Activities with youth (P.R.A.Y.) has rewritten the *God and Church* religious award program for Protestant youth in grades six through eight.

The new curriculum is designed to help young people grow closer to Christ and become stronger members of their church families. Young people will study the Bible to learn from Jesus' example and then work with a counselor or mentor to learn how about the worship, witness, and ministry of their home congregations. The

new *God and Church* program uses the theme of a journey: young people will embark on faith journeys to meet Jesus, worship God, and witness and minister for Christ. Participants will create videos or photo albums to share their faith journeys with others.

The complete program still consists of the Student Workbook (for the young person), the Counselor Manual (for the pastor), and the Adult Mentor Workbook (for parents/guardians). Several new features are available in the Counselor Manual: lesson plans, opening activities, sample responses for discussion questions, and suggestions for setting up group classes. The Adult Mentor Workbook helps parents/guardians to reflect on their role as Christian mentors for their children and provides the opportunity for families to grow together in faith.

These new resources became available November 2003. Contact P.R.A.Y. (at 1-800-933-7729 or www.praypub.org) or your local council service center.



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