

Sample Article (for youth agency use)

The following is a sample newsletter article to announce a *God and Life* class at youth agencies (Boy Scouts of America, Camp Fire USA, Girl Scouts of the USA). Remember, youth from all Protestant and Independent churches can work on this program (even if they do not belong to a youth agency)

Text for announcements in youth agency newsletters, etc.:

All young people in ninth, tenth, eleventh and twelfth grades who are members of a _____ (list a specific denomination or "Protestant or Independent") church are invited to join us on _____ (date) at _____ (time) to begin a *God and Life* program at _____ (name of meeting place). We will be meeting _____ (list dates or frequency – ie: every Monday for five weeks). The *God and Life* curriculum is based on the life of the Apostle Paul as recorded in Acts 9:1-31. This is a brief account that describes how Paul encountered Christ and was changed forever. Five chronological "events" out of this story will be highlighted and used as the focus for the five different sections in this program. Each section will illustrate a key element in learning how to live one's life for Christ. We will celebrate the completion of the program with a party on _____ (date – list this information only if you will be having a final class party). The cost of this program is _____ (list price), which covers the price of the student workbook. This program is officially recognized by _____ (list agency – ie: Boy Scouts of America) as the religious awards program for youth in Protestant* and Independent churches. In addition to participating in the meetings and completing family projects, children are required to share what they have learned with their pastor before they are eligible for the award which may be worn on their uniform. Call _____ (name) at _____ (phone) for more information or to register for the program.

*The term "Protestant" includes AME, Assembly of God, Baptist, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Church of God, Episcopal, Lutheran, Nazarene, Pentecostal, Presbyterian, Reformed, United Church of Christ, United Methodist, Independent Churches and others.