

PRAY Awards

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Jesus and Me (Grades K-1)

Children will be introduced to Jesus as the Son of God, but in familiar terms so that young children can see Jesus in their own everyday experiences. This curriculum uses the “Jesus Scroll Craft” as a hands-on component. After every lesson, children will create a new page to extend their scroll. The scroll will be an interactive way to not only retell the stories of Jesus, but to enter into the story and relate to Jesus.



- SECTION 1: Jesus Was a Storyteller
- SECTION 2: Jesus Was a Teacher
- SECTION 3: Jesus Was a Friend
- SECTION 4: Jesus Was a Healer

God and Me (Grades 2-3)

Children will become best friends with Jesus and tell their story of “God and Me” together. Children will make a game in each lesson and keep their games in a GAMEBOX (God And Me Exploring BOX). These games will reinforce the Bible lessons and provide opportunities for families to explore God’s love together.



- SECTION 1: God Created Me
- SECTION 2: Jesus is God’s Gift to Me
- SECTION 3: I Can Talk with God
- SECTION 4: Because God Cares for Me, I Can Care for Others

God and Family (Grades 4-6)

The God and Family program will help children understand the importance of family and God’s role in a healthy family. Children will compare families and “pizza,” and they will make a pizza as they study how families can grow together in God’s love.



1. CRUST-FOUNDATION - We are God’s Family
2. SAUCE - Family Heritage, Spiritual Heritage
3. TOPPING - Our Talents and Gifts Strengthen Our Families
4. CHEESE - In God’s Family We’re Loved No Matter What! Because We’re Loved, We Follow Rules
5. BAKE - Being in God’s Family Helps Us When Things Are Tough
6. EAT, SHARE, ENJOY! - In God’s Family, We Share as a Response to God’s Love

God and Church (Grades 6-8)

The God and Church program will be a journey to meet Jesus, worship God, and witness and minister for Christ. Participants will create a video or a photo album to share their faith journeys with others.



- UNIT I - My Journey: Meeting Christ**
- Meeting Jesus, the Person
 - Meeting Jesus, the Son of God
 - Meeting Jesus, the Head of the Church

UNIT II - My Journey: Worshiping God

- Learning how Christ Worshiped God
- Exploring How My Congregation Worships God
- Discovering How I Can Worship God

UNIT III - My Journey: Witnessing and Ministering for Christ

- Learning How Christ Witnessed and Ministered to Others
- Exploring How My Congregation Witnesses and Ministers to Others
- Discovering How I Can Witness and Minister to Others

God and Life (Grades 9-12)

The God and Life study is based on the life of the Apostle Paul as recorded in Acts 9:1-31.



- SECTION 1: God calls all kinds of people.
- SECTION 2: God doesn’t expect us to do it on our own.
- SECTION 3: Each of us must make a personal response to the call of God
- SECTION 4: God gives strength to face adversities.
- SECTION 5: God can accomplish great things through those who are willing to do God’s will.

Four-Star Recognition

A special recognition is available for young people who complete the four core programs in the P.R.A.Y. series: God and Me, God and Family, God and Church, and God and Life (Jesus and Me does not count toward the Four Star Award). Start now: students cannot go backwards to earn younger awards!



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who may earn a P.R.A.Y. award? Girls and boys in grades K-12.

Do I have to belong to a scouting group to earn a P.R.A.Y. award? No, girls and boys may earn this award even if they do not belong to a Girl Scout, Boy Scout, or American Heritage Girls group. Members of youth groups and Sunday School classes may participate in these programs.

Do I have to belong to a church to earn a P.R.A.Y. award? No, you do not have to have official membership in a congregation to earn this award; however, the program requires that a pastor review all work and oversee the program.

Who may serve as counselor? The pastor, or someone appointed by the pastor (such as a parent, Sunday School teacher, congregational lay leader, or other qualified adult).

May I earn more than one award (for the different grade levels)? Yes, you may earn all five awards as long as you are in the appropriate grade at the time (you may not go backwards and earn younger awards).

How long does it take to complete the program? It depends. The younger programs may take 4 to 8 weeks to complete. The older programs may take 3 to 6 months to complete.

How do I order the booklets? Booklets may be purchased at your local scout store, the AHG-store, or directly from P.R.A.Y. at <https://store.praypub.org>.

Does each child need a booklet? Yes.

Is the Counselor Manual required? Yes.

What is the difference between the Counselor Manual and the Mentor Workbook? The Counselor Manual is the “teaching” guide with answers, suggested activities, resources, etc. The Mentor Workbook is for parents with lessons and questions to complete.

Will the P.R.A.Y. booklets say “Methodist” on them? No, Methodists use the standard P.R.A.Y. booklets along with the following Protestant denominations: African Methodist Episcopal, African Methodist Episcopal Zion, Assembly of God, Baptist, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Christian Methodist Episcopal, Church of God, Episcopal, Lutheran, Pentecostal, Presbyterian, United Church of Christ, United Methodist Church, and Independent Christian churches.

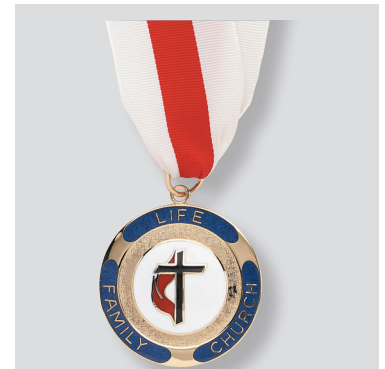
How do I order the awards? The awards come from P.R.A.Y. (the local scout store will not have these awards). The application form is found in the Student Workbook or online at <https://store.praypub.org>.

How is the award presented? The award is usually presented by the pastor as part of a worship service.

How are adult awards different? Adult awards are by nomination only and generally require 3-5 years of service to both church and a national scouting agency. Find nominations here: www.praypub.org/adult-nominations.

Starting the Program is Easy!

- Order the appropriate program booklets based on your grade.
- Meet with the pastor: show your pastor the P.R.A.Y. booklets and together choose a counselor.
- Complete the requirements under the supervision of your counselor.
- Present your work to the pastor for final approval.
- Order the recognition items by sending the application form to P.R.A.Y.
- Plan a special ceremony in church to receive your award.



Recognize Adults for their Scouting Ministry!



The United Methodist Church Scouting Ministries

WHO WE ARE & WHAT WE DO

The Office of Civic Youth-Serving Agencies/Scouting, an office within the General Commission on United Methodist Men, is responsible for ministries to youth through Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of the U.S.A., Camp Fire, and Big Brothers Big Sisters. Scouting coordinators, charter organization representatives, and scouting ministry specialists support the office by providing information about these ministries to local churches, and they encourage the use of P.R.A.Y. classes and emblems.

The Mission: The mission of the office is to enable United Methodist congregations to minister to children and youth in their churches and neighborhoods through scouting and other youth-serving organizations. The mission of the United Methodist Church is to “make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

The Vision: Every United Methodist Church will provide opportunities for youth to increase their self-confidence, serve their community, work with others, become disciples of Jesus Christ, and model Christian values.

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