

## **Sample Article (for youth agency use)**

The following is a sample newsletter article to announce a *God and Family* class at youth agencies (Boy Scouts of America, Camp Fire USA, Girl Scouts of the USA, American Heritage Girls). 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 grades four and five 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 Family* program at \_\_\_\_\_ (name of meeting place). We will be meeting \_\_\_\_\_ (list dates or frequency – ie: every Monday for seven weeks). The *God and Family* program is designed to help youth understand the importance of family and God's role in a healthy family. We will celebrate the completion of the program with a pizza party on \_\_\_\_\_ (date – list this information only if you will be having a class pizza 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, youth 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.