

Sample Article (for church use)

If you would like to announce a *God and Family* class in churches, you may choose to use the following information or handout. Remember, youth from all three agencies (Boy Scouts of America, Camp Fire USA, Girl Scouts of the USA, American Heritage Girls) who attend Protestant and Independent churches can work on this program. You may want to contact the pastors of neighboring churches (of your denomination or others) and invite their youth as well. Additionally, youth who do not belong to any youth agency are also welcome to participate in the *God and Family* program and to earn the recognition items.

Text for announcements in church newsletters, etc.:

All young people in grades four and five are invited to join us on _____(date) at _____(time) to begin a *God and Family* program at _____(name of meeting location). 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 the Boy Scouts of America, Camp Fire USA, Girl Scouts of the USA and the American Heritage Girls as the religious awards program for youth in our church and youth in those organizations are particularly encouraged to attend. In addition to participating in the meetings and completing family projects, youth are required to share what they have learned with the pastor before they are eligible for the award. Please call _____(name) at _____(phone) for more information or to register for the program.