

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Jesus and Me

Jesus and Me launched in September 2018 expanding the P.R.A.Y. Series. It is the first big change to the curriculum since 2004 (when the last revisions were completed). Here are the answers to some of the many anticipated questions:

What is the theme? “Jesus as Storyteller, Teacher, Friend, and Healer.” Children are introduced to Jesus as the Son of God but in familiar terms. Children will be challenged to be storytellers, teachers, friends, and healers to the people around them.

How does *Jesus and Me* fit in with the rest of the series? This program fits in with the existing series in that it is Bible-based curriculum that offers Student, Counselor and Mentor booklets and utilizes a hands-on component. *Jesus and Me* will serve as the lead-in to the existing series.

Will the Four-Star Award change? No. The Four-Star award will not change. It will continue to recognize those young people who have completed the four core programs: God and Me, God and Family, God and Church, and God and Life.

Why is there a grade overlap? To allow for a transition period, after which God and Me will be for grades 2-3.

Can a first grader who earned *God and Me* go back and earn *Jesus and Me*? Yes, during this initial transition period.

How long does the *Jesus and Me* program take? There are 4 lessons, so a typical program will take 4-6 weeks. *Jesus and Me* was designed to be the same length as the God and Me program which also has 4 lessons.

What is the hands-on component? The “Jesus Scroll Craft” is the hands-on component. Children will make a scroll out of paper towel tubes and add new stories after each lesson. They will use a cutout figure of Jesus to move along the pages of the scroll to tell the stories of Jesus.

Where can I find additional resources to help me teach the program? P.R.A.Y.’s online Resource Library will provide resources for the counselor. Look for a recorded webinar on teaching *Jesus and Me*.

Is the Counselor Manual required? Yes. The substance of each lesson is presented in the Counselor Manual. It is

not possible to complete the program without these lesson plans.

The Student Workbook is “self-contained.” What does this mean? It means that the required handouts for the core lessons are printed in the Student Workbook so that the children should have the pieces they need to complete the lessons in the workbook. This does not mean that the Student Workbook is self-sufficient ... the Counselor Manual is still required. (Please note: materials for any optional activities do not appear in the student workbook.)

What is the role of parents and guardians? They are required to participate. Parents/guardians will attend classes alongside their young children. They can also choose to teach their children at home using the Counselor Manual and doing the final review with the pastor.

Does the program require a pastor’s review? Yes. The program requires the pastor to review the work and sign it off.

Are the books only available through P.R.A.Y.? At this point of time, yes. *Jesus and Me* is being launched through the P.R.A.Y. webstore <https://store.praypub.org/>. Other outlets will be announced as they become available.

What are the recognitions? The official recognition is the ¾” pin along with a patch and certificate.

Are there plans for future revisions to the existing programs? Yes. A revision schedule will be followed to revise each program level in the series.

Will volunteer writers and reviewers be used in the revision process? Yes! The feedback and creative synergy generated by volunteer teams is invaluable and will continue to be the basis for the P.R.A.Y. curriculum.

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