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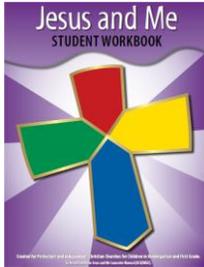
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***Jesus and Me* Curriculum for Kindergarten and First Grade Now Available from P.R.A.Y.**



Saint Louis, Missouri (September 24, 2018) – P.R.A.Y. is pleased to announce that *Jesus and Me* – the new curriculum for kindergarteners and first graders – is now available through the P.R.A.Y. online store for children’s ministry through churches and scouting programs.

Jesus and Me expands the P.R.A.Y. Program Series to include kindergarteners and introduces Jesus as the Son of God but in familiar terms so that young children can see Jesus in their own day-to-day experiences, i.e. as storyteller, teacher, friend, and healer. The curriculum utilizes the “Jesus Scroll Craft,” a hands-on component that builds from lesson to lesson and helps children tell their story of Jesus and me together. Recognizing that parents and guardians are responsible for the faith development of their children, the *Jesus and Me* program requires their participation and encourages parent-child interaction.

Jesus and Me continues P.R.A.Y.’s legacy of providing strong Bible-based Christian education and discipleship resources. It is designed to serve as the lead-in for the existing levels. Therefore, it will not impact the Four-Star Award, i.e. *God and Me*, *God and Family*, *God and Church*, and *God and Life* will continue as the core program and the basis for P.R.A.Y.’s Four-Star Award recognizing those individuals who complete all four of these core programs.

Jesus and Me is a watershed piece utilizing an interdenominational writing team, a volunteer youth artist, and producing a self-contained Student Workbook (all the “pieces” or handouts for the required activities are included in the student workbook). It will set the tone for future revisions of the current series. According to P.R.A.Y. CEO Jason Noland, “P.R.A.Y. is proud to be able to launch *Jesus and Me*. We believe this new program will strengthen scouting ministries across the country. *Jesus and Me* fits seamlessly into our current series, and yet stands apart to usher in a new strategy moving forward. Special thanks to our team: Rev. Patrice L. Rosner, Rev. Mary Beene, Jacqueline McNamer, Rev. Douglas J. Stewart, Rev. Pat Winston, and Heidi Stiles. Their work is impressive!”

Jesus and Me consists of three components: the Student Workbook, Counselor Manual, and Adult Mentor Workbook. These resources are available through P.R.A.Y. at <https://store.praypub.org>.

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P.R.A.Y.’s mission is to foster the Christian growth of children, youth, and families through churches and youth serving agencies. P.R.A.Y. is a not-for-profit organization that oversees the Christian religious award program and encourages churches to embrace Scouting as youth ministry. For more information, visit www.praypub.org.