

Sample Article (for church use)

If you would like to announce a *God and Me* class in churches, you may choose to use the following information or handout. Remember, youth from all four 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 Me* program and to earn the recognition items.

Text for announcements in church newsletters, etc.:

All young people in first, second, and third grades are invited to join us on _____(date) at _____(time) to begin a *God and Me* program at _____(name of meeting location). We will be meeting _____(list dates or frequency – ie: every Monday for five weeks). The *God and Me* program is designed to help children become best friends with Jesus as they tell their story of God and Me together. Children will make a GAMEBOX (**G**od **A**nd **M**e **E**xploring BOX) to help them explore God's love with their families. We will celebrate the completion of the program with a final 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.