

Sample Article (for youth agency use)

The following is a sample newsletter article to announce a *God and Me* 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 first, second, and third grades 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 Me* program at _____ (name of meeting place). 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 **B**OX) to help them explore God's love with their families. We will celebrate the completion of the program with a party on _____ (date – list this information only if you will be having a final class 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, children 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.