

**P.R.A.Y. Awards Presentation Script:  
A Presentation by American Heritage Girls leaders to Troops and Parents**

Considerations for presenting the religious awards to your troop:

- Notify parents and invite them to the meeting
- Possibly ask an older American Heritage Girl who has earned her P.R.A.Y. award to talk to your Troop
- Preview the requirements for the “Love God Puzzle Patch” at [www.praypub.org](http://www.praypub.org) and decide whether you will pre-order these patches for your participants, both girls and adults.

Religious Awards Presentation Script:

1. Start your presentation by focusing on Mark 12:29-31. **“Can anybody tell me the Great Commandment? In Mark 12 Jesus says the greatest commandment is to “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.” Let’s say this verse together: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. Can anybody tell me how this verse is connected to the AHG Oath? Allow girls to share their thoughts. We all promise to Love God when we say the Oath. But when you say the Oath, did you realize that you should be loving God with all your heart, and soul, and mind, and strength?”**
2. Discuss different ways that you can love God. **“What are different ways that you can show that you love God?”** Allow time for girls to respond. **Another way to show your love for God is to always seek to grow in God’s love. We need to look for ways to grow in our Christian faith. We need to look for ways to grow in heart, and soul, and mind, and strength.** Then introduce the P.R.A.Y. awards. **“One way an American Heritage Girl can keep her promise to love God is to earn a P.R.A.Y. award. The P.R.A.Y. awards will challenge your heart and your mind and also your strength. They will require that you read and study the Bible. They will require that you do service projects to help your family, church, and community. The P.R.A.Y. awards are very special recognitions. They are not like ordinary patches. They are special pins and medallions. They may be worn on your AHG uniform.**
3. **Here’s how you get started on these programs.**

*First, you must obtain the specific booklet for your grade. This booklet will contain information on all the lessons and service projects that you will need to complete. Each of you will need your own booklet to document progress. You can find these booklets in the AHGstore.*

*Second, parents must review the specific guidelines for their particular program.*

*Third, families should talk to their clergy and show them the booklet before beginning any program. The P.R.A.Y. awards require the pastor to do the final review and sign it off.*

*Fourth, you need to complete the requirements, obtain the proper signatures, and follow the instructions to order the recognition or pin. (These awards are only available through P.R.A.Y.)*

4. Decide whether you will order the materials for each girl, or whether you will provide the contact information for each family to order their own materials.
5. Help the girls get started by setting a target date: **“Let’s set our first goal together as a troop. The important thing is to get started! Can everybody try to get a copy of her booklet and show it to her clergy by \_\_\_\_\_(date)? I’ll ask each of you to give a “progress report” to the troop at that time.**

6. Explain the special Love God puzzle patch: **“I have a special announcement about a Love God Promotion Patch. This patch is for girls or adults who 1) learn about the P.R.A.Y. awards, and then 2) make a commitment. Because you are here today at this presentation, you obviously now know about P.R.A.Y. awards. The second requirement is making a commitment. How many girls want to make a commitment to earn their P.R.A.Y. award? Please stand.**

- If you ordered patches to distribute to your girls, hand them out now: **“Congratulations on making a commitment to fulfill your promise to love God. Here is your Love God patch that shows you are committed to earning your P.R.A.Y. award.”**
- If you plan on ordering patches for your girls, make an announcement: **“Congratulations. You will be presented with a Love God patch on \_\_\_\_\_ (date). This will be a good reminder to complete your religious award.**
- If you want participants to order their own patches, distribute the flyer and make the following announcement: **“Congratulations. Every person standing is eligible to wear the Love God Promotion patch. Here is a flyer with the information so that you can purchase your own patch.”**

Briefly describe the patch: **“The Love God Promotion Patch is a four-segment puzzle patch. You can only earn one segment a year. Every year that you learn about the P.R.A.Y. awards or earn an award or help make a presentation about them, you can earn the next segment.”**

7. Continue to encourage your girls by setting goals and keeping track of their progress. Try to include some activities for your troop. Can you plan a joint field trip or service project related to the P.R.A.Y. awards programs? Can you visit each other's church?
8. P.R.A.Y. awards are presented to the girls by clergy, usually in a worship service in the recipient's congregation. Religious award recipients should also be recognized in an AHG setting, such as an awards ceremony. Plan now to recognize them in a special way.

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