

Letter to Pastor from Family

Dear Pastor,

Our children are involved in a scouting program, and we would like them to earn their P.R.A.Y. religious awards.

The P.R.A.Y. Program is the religious emblems program for members of Protestant and Independent Christian churches and is recognized by several scouting groups (American Heritage Girls, Boy Scouts of America, Girl Scouts of the USA) as part of the advancement program. Additionally, it is a program of the church and requires a signature and final review by the pastor, which is the reason we are contacting you.

We have the Counselor Manual and will teach our children at home, but we were directed to contact you ahead of time for your input and to ask for your help in conducting a final review with our children.

Here are the programs our children would participate in:

[Jesus and Me, grades K-1](#)

[God and Me, grades 2-3](#)

[God and Family, grades 4-6](#)

[God and Church, grades 6-8](#)

[God and Life, grades 9-12](#)

Please note: The God and Church program requires young people to study the history and structure of their congregation (and denomination) as well as the different worship services and programs offered through their congregation. We may need help in completing these assignments.

We are not sure how long this will take us. The review can be done via phone or video chat. How much advance notice would you require to schedule a final review? If you prefer to appoint someone else to do this review (i.e. youth minister, Sunday school teacher, elder, etc.), please let me know who to contact. When the time comes, there are resources with sample questions for the final review for each program level.

We are excited for this opportunity to grow in faith together as a family with support from our church family. We look forward to hearing from you!

P.S. Here is a [Getting Started Toolkit](#) with more details on the P.R.A.Y. awards as ministry.