



# Awards

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## Jesus and Me (Grades K-1)

Children will be introduced to Jesus as the Son of God, but in familiar terms so that young children can see Jesus in their own everyday experiences.



This curriculum uses the "Jesus Scroll Craft" as a hands-on component. After every lesson, children will create a new page to extend their scroll. The scroll will be an interactive way to not only retell the stories of Jesus, but to enter into the story and relate to Jesus.

**SECTION 1:** Jesus Was a Storyteller

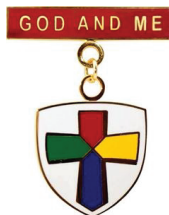
**SECTION 2:** Jesus Was a Teacher

**SECTION 3:** Jesus Was a Friend

**SECTION 4:** Jesus Was a Healer

## God and Me (Grades 2-3)

Children will become best friends with Jesus and tell their story of "God and Me" together. Children will make a game in each lesson and keep their games in a GAMEBOX (God And Me Exploring BOX).



These games will reinforce the Bible lessons and provide opportunities for families to explore God's love together.

**SECTION 1:** God Created Me

**SECTION 2:** Jesus is God's Gift to Me

**SECTION 3:** I Can Talk with God

**SECTION 4:** Because God Cares for Me,  
I Can Care for Others

## God and Family (Grades 4-6)

The God and Family program will help children understand the importance of family and God's role in a healthy family.



Children will compare families and "pizza," and they will make a pizza as they study how families can grow together in God's love.

**1. CRUST-FOUNDATION:** We are God's Family

**2. SAUCE:** Family Heritage, Spiritual Heritage

**3. TOPPINGS:** Our Talents and Gifts Strengthen Our Families

**4. CHEESE:** In God's Family We're Loved No Matter What! Because We're Loved, We Follow Rules

**5. BAKE:** Being in God's Family Helps Us When Things Are Tough

**6. EAT, SHARE, ENJOY!:** In God's Family, We Share as a Response to God's Love

## God and Church (Grades 6-8)

The God and Church program will be a journey to meet Jesus, worship God, and witness and minister for Christ. Participants will create a video or a photo album to share their faith journeys with others. The AME supplemental booklet can be found here:  
[www.amescouts.org](http://www.amescouts.org).



**UNIT I - My Journey:**  
Meeting Christ

- Meeting Jesus, the Person
- Meeting Jesus, the Son of God
- Meeting Jesus, the Head of the Church

## UNIT II - My Journey:

Worshipping God

- Learning how Christ Worshipped God
- Exploring How My Congregation Worships God
- Discovering How I Can Worship God

## UNIT III - My Journey:

Witnessing and Ministering for Christ

- Learning How Christ Witnessed and Ministered to Others
- Exploring How My Congregation Witnesses and Ministers to Others
- Discovering How I Can Witness and Minister to Others

## God and Life (Grades 9-12)

The God and Life study is based on the life of the Apostle Paul as recorded in Acts 9:1-31.



**SECTION 1:** God calls all kinds of people.

**SECTION 2:** God doesn't expect us to do it on our own.

**SECTION 3:** Each of us must make a personal response to the call of God  
**SECTION 4:** God gives strength to face adversities.

**SECTION 5:** God can accomplish great things through those who are willing to do God's will.

## Four-Star Recognition

A special recognition is available for young people who complete the four core programs in the P.R.A.Y. series:



God and Me, God and Family, God and Church, and God and Life (Jesus and Me does not count toward the Four Star Award).

**Start now:** students cannot go backwards to earn younger awards

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AND TO ORDER BOOKLETS ONLINE.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Who may earn a P.R.A.Y. award?** Girls and boys in grades K-12.

**Do I have to belong to a scouting group to earn a P.R.A.Y. award?** No, girls and boys may earn this award even if they do not belong to a Girl Scout, Boy Scout, or American Heritage Girls group. Members of youth groups and Sunday School classes may participate in these programs.

**Do I have to belong to a church to earn a P.R.A.Y. award?** No, you do not have to have official membership in a congregation to earn this award; however, the program requires that a pastor review all work and oversee the program.

**Who may serve as counselor?** The pastor, or someone appointed by the pastor (such as another clergy, parent, Sunday School teacher, congregational lay leader, or other qualified adult).

**May I earn more than one award (for the different grade levels)?** Yes, you may earn all five awards as long as you are in the appropriate grade at the time (you may not go backwards and earn younger awards).

**How long does it take to complete the program?** It depends. The younger programs may take 4 to 8 weeks to complete. The older programs may take 3 to 6 months to complete.

**How do I order the booklets?** Booklets may be purchased at your local scout store, the AHG-store, or directly from P.R.A.Y. at <https://store.praypub.org>

**Does each child need a booklet?** Yes.  
**Is the Counselor Manual required?** Yes.

**What is the difference between the Counselor Manual and the Mentor Workbook?** The Counselor Manual is the "teaching" guide with answers, suggested activities, resources, etc. The Mentor Workbook is for parents with lessons and questions to complete.

**Will the P.R.A.Y. booklets say "African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.)" on them?** No, A.M.E. use the standard P.R.A.Y. booklets along with the following Protestant denominations: African Methodist Episcopal Zion, Assembly of God, Baptist, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Christian Methodist Episcopal, Church of God, Episcopal, Lutheran, Pentecostal, Presbyterian, United Church of Christ, United Methodist Church, and Independent Christian churches. *However, the Association of African Methodist Episcopal Scouts® (AAMES) produces a Supplemental Guide for the God & Church Program every four years. That Supplemental Guide can be ordered from AAMES.*

**How do I order the awards?** The awards come from P.R.A.Y. (the local scout store will not have these awards). The application form is found in the Student Workbook or online at <https://store.praypub.org>.

**How is the award presented?** The award is usually presented by the pastor as part of a worship service.

**How are adult awards different?** Adult awards are by nomination only and generally require 3-5 years of service to both church and a national scouting agency. Find nominations here: [www.praypub.org/adult-nominations](http://www.praypub.org/adult-nominations).

## Starting the Program is Easy!

- Order the appropriate program booklets based on your grade.
- Meet with the pastor: show your pastor the P.R.A.Y. booklets and together choose a counselor.
- Complete the requirements under the supervision of your counselor.
- Present your work to the pastor for final approval.
- Order the recognition items by sending the application form to P.R.A.Y.
- Plan a special ceremony in church to receive your award



**ADULT AWARDS:** Service Award, Bishop's Award of Excellence & Building Faith in Youth

The Bishop's Award can only be ordered directly from AAMES. It can also be awarded to youth in certain circumstances.



## The Association of African Methodist Episcopal Scouts (AAMES) Who We Are and What We Do

Scouting in the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church was established in 1938. It is included and delineated in the current version of The Doctrine and Discipline of the African Methodist Episcopal Church. The Association of African Methodist Episcopal Scouts (AAMES) was formed in 1993 under the leadership of the fourth Executive Director of the Department of Christian Education of the AME Church, the Reverend Kenneth H. Hill, PhD, who attained the rank of Eagle at age 13. He brought together adult leaders of both boy scouts and girl scouts' units from AME congregations across the connection to advance the scouting ministry within the AME Church. AAMES is a denominational scouting leadership association that has gained official recognition from the Girl Scouts of the United States of America (GSUSA) and the Boy Scouts of America (BSA).

**AAMES Mission:** The mission of The Association of African Methodist Episcopal Scouts is to encourage and support AME congregations with their youth ministries utilizing the programs established by GSUSA, BSA and any other World Scouting or Girls Guide member organization by: (1) Encouraging AME congregations to incorporate SCOUTING programs as an integral part of their Christian Education and Outreach Programs.; (2) Fostering religious growth through religious awards programs, such as the P.R.A.Y. classes and emblems and the AME Church's Bishop's Award of Excellence; (3) Promoting SCOUTING programs as a tool to assist AME congregations in growth by providing a viable Community Outreach and to develop future leaders for the church, and to deepen the faith and beliefs of Scouts of all ages.

Membership in AAMES is open to ALL adults irrespective of scouting or denominational membership, nationality, or gender. Information on how to join can be found here: [www.amescouts.org](http://www.amescouts.org) OR you may contact AAMES via email at: [info@amescouts.org](mailto:info@amescouts.org). Criteria for the Bishop's Award of Excellence and the Supplemental Guide for the **God & Church Religious Emblem Program** can also be found on the AAMES website.



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GROWING AME SCOUTING!