

God & Country

GOD AND CHURCH (Grades 6-8)

Curriculum Goals:

- To strengthen young people's relationship with Christ
- To challenge young people to learn about and participate in the worship and ministry of the church
- To have young people make a plan for daily Bible reading and memorize a creed or statement of belief or passage of scripture
- To provide the opportunity for young people to experience the joy of serving others

General Description

The God and Church program will lead young people on a journey. It will be a faith journey with three parts: meeting Jesus, worshiping God, and witnessing and ministering for Christ. Participants will create either a video or a photo album to share what they have learned on their faith journeys. Young people will have the opportunity to work with their pastor or other Christian adult as they study the church's structures and objectives and participate in service projects that will give them a better understanding of the mission of the church.

Outline:

UNIT I – MY JOURNEY: MEETING CHRIST

Lesson 1: Meeting Jesus, the Person

Lesson 2: Meeting Jesus, the Son of God

Lesson 3: Meeting Jesus, the Head of the Church

Project: Daily Bible Reading

The best way to get to know Jesus is to read the Bible. Students will read their Bible every day for at least three weeks. Their counselors will help them choose a plan.

UNIT II – MY JOURNEY: WORSHIPPING GOD

Lesson 4: Learning how Christ Worshiped God

Lesson 5: Exploring How My Congregation Worships God

Project: Discovering How I Can Worship God

Planning an outdoor worship service, visiting other churches, and preparing a devotion for a Sunday school class are some of the choices that students have for Project II.

UNIT III – MY JOURNEY: WITNESSING AND MINISTERING FOR CHRIST

Lesson 6: Learning How Christ Witnessed and Ministered to Others

Lesson 7: Exploring How My Congregation Witnesses and Ministers to Others

Project: Discovering How I Can Witness and Minister to Others

Eligibility Guidelines:

Girls and boys in grades 6-8 are eligible to participate in the God and Church program even if they do not belong to a Girl Scout, Boy Scout or Camp Fire group (youth group and Sunday School members are eligible to participate in this program). This program requires that students have original workbooks and present their work to the pastor for final approval.

Adult Mentor Program:

The God and Church Adult Mentor program is an optional program for parents. Rather than having just their children go through the program by themselves, parents may choose to work on the program alongside their children. In the Adult Mentor program, parents have a workbook with lessons and projects to complete just like the child. Parents will be challenged to learn more about their faith and to talk about their faith with their children.

Materials Available:

#33599 God and Church Student Workbook – required for each student
#33600 God and Church Counselor Manual – resource guide for pastor/counselor
#33596 God and Church Adult Mentor Workbook – optional program for parents if they want to participate in the program alongside their children

Booklets may be ordered from your Divisional Youth Department.

Awards

Students must complete all the requirements before ordering any awards. Please order the Award Application Form from your Divisional Youth Department.