

God & Country

GOD AND FAMILY (Grades 4 & 5)

Curriculum Goals:

- To provide an opportunity for young people and families to explore their faith together
- To learn six ways of strengthening families through faith
- To help families grow in God's love
- To memorize the Ten Commandments

General Description

The God and Family curriculum is designed to help youth understand the importance of family and God's role in a healthy family. The God and Family Program provides an opportunity for young people and their families to explore their faith together. Children will read about different families in the Bible, which can teach them about God's plan for strengthening families. To remember these lessons, children will compare families and "pizza." The six steps for making pizza will give students a concrete, "hands-on" model on which to build their understanding of God's love for their families. They will make a pizza as they study how families can grow together in God's love, and they will choose "family projects" to be done with their family at home.

Outline:

Step 1: Crust-Foundation – We are God's Family

Step 2: Sauce – Family Heritage, Spiritual Heritage

Step 3: Toppings – Our Talents and Gifts Strengthen Our Families

Step 4: Cheese – In God's Family We're Loved No Matter What! Because We're Loved, We Follow Rules

Step 5: Bake – Being in God's Family Helps Us When Things Are Tough

Step 6: Eat, Share, Enjoy! – In God's Family, We Share as a Response to God's Love

Eligibility Guidelines

Girls and boys in grades 4 & 5 are eligible to participate in the God and Family program even if they do not belong to a Girl Scout, Boy Scout or Camp Fire group (church youth and Sunday School members are eligible to participate in this program). Each participant must have his or her own copy of the student workbook. A pastor's signature is required on the application/order form.

Adult Mentor Program

Parents have the option of enrolling in the God and Family Adult Mentor Program. In this program, the parent is an active learning participant alongside the child. The parent would have lessons and projects to complete in the Mentor Workbook just like the child, and then both parent and child would work on the student curriculum together. The mentor program is designed to provide the adult with additional opportunities to model his or her Christian faith and to help a young child talk about his or her belief in God.

Materials Available:

- #33597 - God and Family Student Workbook - required booklet for each child
- #33598 - God and Family Counselor Manual - resource guide for the pastor/counselor
- #33595 - God and Family Adult Mentor - 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 Request Form from your Divisional Youth Department.