

The P.R.A.Y. Program

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[Who may earn a P.R.A.Y. award?](#)

Girls and boys in grades 1-12.

[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, American Heritage Girl, or Camp Fire 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.

[Which denominations use the P.R.A.Y. program?](#)

Protestant and Independent churches. The following is a partial listing of the denominations that use the P.R.A.Y. program: African Methodist Episcopal, 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.

[Who may serve as counselor?](#)

The pastor, or someone appointed by the pastor (such as a 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 four 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. God and Me and God and Family may take 4 to 8 weeks to complete. God and Church and God and Life may take 3 to 6 months to complete.

How do I order the booklets?

Booklets may be purchased at your local council store or directly from P.R.A.Y. (see attached order form) or via the internet at www.praypub.org or by calling 1-800-933-7729.

Does each child need a booklet?

Yes.

How do I order the awards?

The application form to order the awards is found in the Student Workbook. The form must be sent to P.R.A.Y. (your local council will not have these awards).

How is the award presented?

The award is usually presented by the pastor in a worship service.

What is the difference between the Counselor Manual and the Mentor Workbook?

The Counselor Manual is for adults who are "teaching" or helping the students complete the requirements. The Counselor Manual has answers, suggested activities, resources, etc. The Mentor Workbook is for parents who choose to be "students" alongside their children. The Mentor Workbook contains lessons and questions for parents to complete as they work side by side their children on the program.

Where can I go for more information?

The P.R.A.Y. website has additional resources to help counselors who are teaching classes. It also has interfaith scripts to help leaders who want to promote religious awards in general.