

# GOD AND ME (Grades 1-3)

## Curriculum Goals:

- To provide an opportunity for young people and families to explore their faith together
- To help children realize that God is active in every part of their lives
- To help children know that Jesus is their best friend
- To memorize the Lord's Prayer

## General Description

The *God and Me* curriculum is designed to help children become best friends with Jesus and tell their story of "God and Me" together. Children will tell their story of "God and Me" by starting with the creation story. Children will learn that God is their Creator and that God calls them by name, and they will give praise to God. Their story will continue as they learn of God's love through Jesus. As they tell parallel stories of their own birth and the birth of Jesus, they will proclaim that Jesus was born to be their Savior. Their story will grow as children learn that God wants them to pray. Children will be encouraged to talk and listen to God as they share from their heart. Their story of "God and Me" will wrap up with the parable of the lost sheep. As children learn to lean on God as their Good Shepherd, they will be challenged to reach out and be "good shepherds" to those around them.

## GAMEBox

Children will make a game in each lesson and keep their games in a GAMEBox (**G**od **A**nd **M**e **E**xploring **BOX**). These games will reinforce the Bible lessons and provide opportunities for families to explore God's love together.

## Outline:

### **Introduction**

Jesus Blesses the Children – Matthew 19:13-15

**Section 1: God Created Me** - Children will study the creation story and learn that God was pleased with all creation. They will acknowledge God as Creator and give praise to God.

- God Said That It Was Good – Genesis 1:1 – 2:3
- God Calls Me by Name - Isaiah 43:1-2 & 4
- Praise God! - Isaiah 44:23

**Section 2: Jesus is God's Gift to Me** - Children will learn of God's love through Jesus. As they tell parallel stories of their own birth and the birth of Jesus, they will proclaim that Jesus was born to be their Savior.

- Jesus Is Born - Matthew 1:18-25; Luke 1:26-34; Luke 2:1-20; Matthew 2:2-12
- Jesus Was Born to Be a Savior - John 3:16

**Section 3: I Can Talk with God** - Children will learn how important prayer was to Jesus and that God wants them to pray. They will learn four parts of prayer to help them share their thoughts with God. Children will be required to memorize the Lord's Prayer.

- Jesus Prays - Mark 1:35-37
- The Lord's Prayer - Matthew 6:9-13

- God Talks to Samuel - 1 Samuel 3:1-10

**Section 4: Because God Cares for Me, I Can Care for Others** - As children learn to lean on God as their Good Shepherd, they will be challenged to reach out and be “good shepherds” to those around them.

- Jesus Is the Good Shepherd - Matthew 18:12-14
- Jesus Is a Friend to All - Luke 19:1-10

### **Schedule**

A typical schedule for completing the God and Me curriculum might include five different sessions (an introductory meeting plus four sessions to complete the four lessons).

### **Eligibility Guidelines**

Girls and boys in grades 1, 2 & 3 are eligible to participate in the *God and Me* 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 Me 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:**

#33604 - God and Me Student Workbook - required booklet for each child

#33603 - God and Me Counselor Manual - resource guide for the pastor/counselor

#33606 - God and Me Adult Mentor - optional program for parents if they want to participate in the program alongside their children

Order these booklets online at [www.praypub.org](http://www.praypub.org) or call 1-800-933-7729.

### **Awards**

Students must complete all the requirements before ordering any awards. The last page in the Student Workbook is the Award Application Form. This form must be submitted to P.R.A.Y. (awards are not available in local scout shops).

Visit [http://www.praypub.org/god\\_country/me/god\\_me4.htm](http://www.praypub.org/god_country/me/god_me4.htm) to view the awards.

The following items are available for the adult leading the program. These items may be purchased in advance so that the counselor may wear them while teaching the class.

#001MC – God and Me Counselor Patch

#001M8 – God and Me Counselor Pin