



## Supplies

- disposable bowls
- disposable plates (the same size as the bowls)
- duct tape in various colors
- permanent markers
- fine-tip permanent markers
- 1½-inch brads
- water or soda bottle caps (1 per child)
- craft knife (for teacher use only)
- slips of paper
- pens

## Easy Prep

- Make a sample craft to show kids.



## Make a Vault

Give each child a bowl and plate. Set out duct tape to share. Have kids follow these steps to make a round vault. Older kids will need to help younger kids.

- Place the bowl upside down on the plate.
- Secure the bowl and plate together with duct tape. Then cover the entire vault with duct tape. (For younger kids, simply help them tape around the edges so the bowls are secure. Then kids can decorate the bowls with markers.)
- Teachers only, cut a slit in each vault as shown in the photo for kids to insert slips of paper.
- Decorate the duct tape using permanent markers so that it looks like a vault. Leave room for a combination lock made out of a bottle cap.

## Add the Lock

Give each child a bottle cap and a brad. Have kids follow these steps to make a combination lock.

- Use a fine-tip permanent marker to add numbers around the top of the bottle cap so that it looks like a combination lock. (Younger kids can just make scribbles on it.)
- Teachers only, cut a small slit in the center of each bottle cap so kids can poke a brad through.
- Teachers only, cut a tiny slit near the opening of the vault that's just big enough for kids to poke the brad through.
- Poke the brad through the slit in the bottle cap, and then poke it through the slit in the vault.
- Reach in through the bigger vault opening to pull apart the ends of the brad, securing it in place.
- The "lock" should turn.

### **Add Prayers**

Say: **We've been learning that God hears our prayers. Sometimes when we pray about something, we keep on worrying about it. We don't fully trust God to answer our prayer in the best way.**

**Your prayer vault will be a place you can give your deepest prayers to God. Let's try it now.**

Have kids write or draw prayers on slips of paper and then put them in their vaults.

### **Talk About It**

Ask: • **Describe your attitude when you pray.**

• **Why do you think we sometimes pray for the same thing over and over?**

Say: **Since having a son was so dear to her heart, Hannah probably prayed about it more than just the one time we read about in today's Bible story. That's great! It's okay to talk to God about the same topic a lot of times. Actually, it's okay to talk to God about anything and everything! Using your prayer vault shows that you're giving your concerns and desires to God, just as Hannah did. You can trust that God hears our prayers.**

Have kids take their crafts home and show their friends and families the vaults, explaining how God hears our prayers.