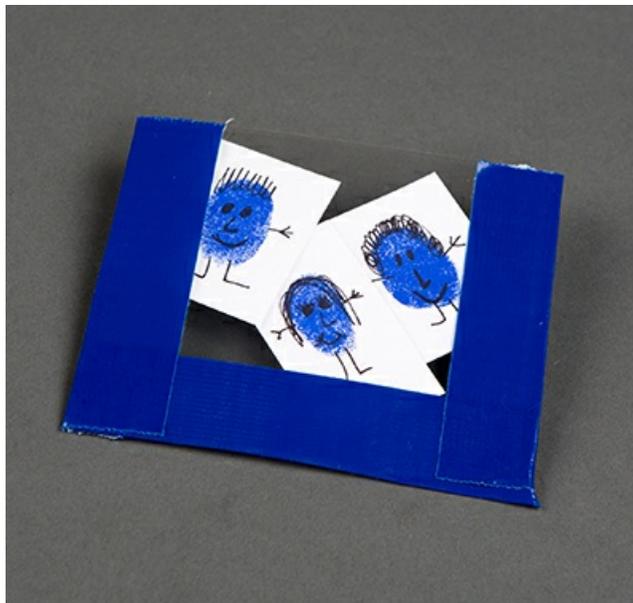


**Supplies**

- paper
- transparency sheets (2 per child)
- colorful duct tape
- stickers and foam shapes
- ½-inch to 1-inch thick colorful ribbon
- safety scissors
- painter's tape
- crayons
- stapler
- washable ink pads
- fine-tipped permanent markers

Easy Prep

- Prep a backpack for each child under the age of 7 by stacking 2 transparency sheets, 1 on top of the other, and taping 3 sides of the sheets together with colorful duct tape. Leave 1 of the shorter sides untaped to be the backpack's opening. At the opening, tape a small piece of paper so kids will be able to separate the 2 transparencies.
- Set up a "ribbon-cutting station" in your room. Place the ribbon and scissors on a low table. Then on the edges of the table, place strips of painter's tape that are about 18 inches long.
- Make a sample backpack and a sample wallet to show kids.





Make a Backpack or Wallet

Say: **For our craft today, we're going to make backpacks and wallets. Usually when we use a backpack or wallet, other people can see only the outside; they can't see all the fun and valuable things we have inside it. But the backpacks and wallets we're going to make are see-through!** Show kids the sample crafts. Point out how you open it and that you can put things inside it. **It will be easy to see everything inside! Let's get started.**

Give each child under age 7 a prepped transparency-sheet backpack. Have kids begin by decorating the colorful tape around the edges of their backpacks with stickers and foam shapes. Remind kids not to decorate the clear area of their backpacks so they can see inside them.

For older kids, have them cut transparencies into two matching wallet-sized pieces and use duct tape to secure three of the edges together. Remind kids not to decorate the clear area of their wallets so they can see inside them.

While kids are decorating, have a few children at a time visit the ribbon-cutting station. Only kids who are making backpacks will need ribbon. At the station, let kids pick out which color of ribbon they would like to use for their backpacks' straps. Then have a helper at the station show kids how to measure the length of ribbon they need for each strap by using the painter's tape on the table as a ruler. Kids can each cut two strips of ribbon that match the length of the tape on the table. Then you or a helper can staple the ends of the ribbon to the top and bottom of the transparency sheets for straps.

Fill the Backpack

Give each child some paper and scissors. Let younger kids cut pieces of paper into fourths and draw and color several small pictures of things they want to put in their backpacks. While they work, ask kids if they ever use a backpack and what kinds of things they like to carry inside. When kids are done, have them put their pictures in their backpacks and try on the backpacks.

Meanwhile, older kids can cut out small squares and collect thumbprints from other kids. Then they can use the fine-point markers to turn the thumbs into people by adding arms, legs, hair, and faces. They don't have to resemble the people the thumbprints came from. They can put these thumbprints in their wallets.

Say: **Like we can usually see only the outside of backpacks and wallets, when we first look at people we can see only how they look on the outside. But God helps us see people through his eyes. God helps us know what's inside people in their hearts—their kindness, their fun silliness, or even their sadness if they're having a hard day. When you put money in your backpack or wallet, you'll see value inside! That's what God sees in everyone. Our see-through backpacks and wallets can remind us that God helps us see people through his eyes!**