

**Supplies**

- "Heart Box" handout, copied onto card stock (1 per child) (download [here](#))
- scissors
- markers
- glue sticks
- stickers

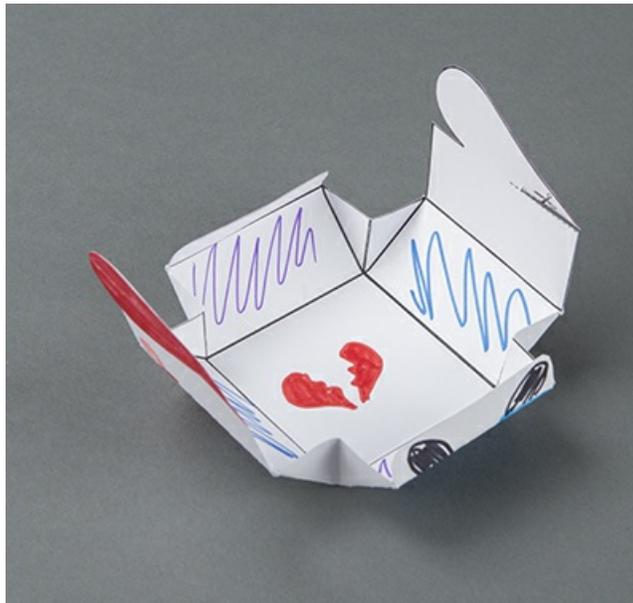
**Easy Prep**

- Make a sample craft to show kids.

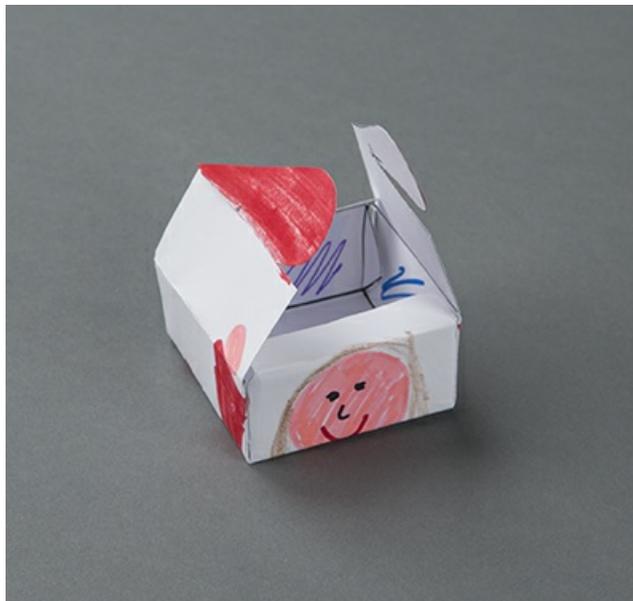
**Make Heart Boxes**

Give each child a "Heart Box" handout and a pair of scissors. Set out the other supplies to share. Have older kids pair with younger kids to help them with all of the cutting, folding, and gluing. Have kids follow these directions to make 3-D heart boxes.

- Cut out the template from the "Heart Box" handout. Also cut on the dotted lines.
- Decorate the template with stickers and markers to reflect what God sees in your heart. For example, if you think your heart's a little messy, you could just scribble. If you think you've got some good and some bad, you could have a mix of "good" and "bad" decorations.
- Flip it upside down, and decorate it with stickers and markers to reflect how you look on the outside.
- Flip it again, and crease all the lines inward.



- Use glue sticks to secure the triangles in place in the corners of the box.



- To close the box, insert the slit of one half of the heart into the slit of the other half.

### Talk About It

Ask: • **What's the difference between the inside of your box and the outside of your box?**

• **Which part do you think your family sees more of? your friends? people you don't know very well?**

• **How do you feel knowing that God sees everything about you and loves you?**

Say: **When your box is closed, no one can see what it looks like on the inside. In the same way, sometimes we can hide the bad in our hearts from other people. But God sees our hearts. We can't fool God. He sees the mess in our hearts, and he loves us anyway. He wants to forgive us and restore us.**

Have kids take their boxes home and use them to show their friends and families that God sees our hearts.