



CRAFT

Supportive Friend Tubes

[20 min]

Supplies

- paper
- markers
- transparent tape

Easy Prep

- Make a sample craft to show kids.



Make Support Tubes

Have small-group leaders give each child a piece of paper.

Ask: • **What's the heaviest thing you think this paper can support if you hold an edge of the paper with only one hand?**

Have kids try holding one edge of the paper and placing various non-fragile items on it, such as pens, markers, tape dispensers, shoes, and Bibles.

Say: **Our papers aren't very supportive. But I have a way to make them much more supportive—the way a good friend is.**

Show kids the sample craft you made. Set out the supplies to share, and have kids follow these directions to make support tubes.

- Roll your paper into a tube.
- Tape it so it stays rolled.
- Decorate your tube with the point, "God is our friend," as well as qualities you found during Core Bible Discovery time that describe God.

- You can also add dots, hearts, or other fun doodles to decorate your tube.

When kids have completed their crafts, let them balance items on the tubes. The tubes can support even heavy Bibles without anyone holding the paper, as long as they're balanced correctly.

Talk About It

Have small groups discuss these questions.

Ask: • **Why do you think the paper was such a better support after we rolled it up?**

• **Tell about a time a friend supported you by helping you, sticking with you, or cheering you up.** Have small-group leaders share first.

• **How has *God* supported you like a friend?** Have small-group leaders share first.

Say: **God is our friend. Even the most supportive human friends will sometimes let us down, but not God! We can count on God to be our friend through thick and thin.**

Have kids take their crafts home and try balancing other things on them as they show their friends and families how God is a supportive friend.