to the hair and eyes on their drawings. Ask:

- **Have you ever made a fort—even out of blankets and pillows? What's fun about being in a fort?**
- **Why do you think the Bible says God is like a fort?**
- **Do you remember a time when God protected you? What happened? How did you feel?**

## Prayer: Confidence in Our Strong Refuge

### Supplies:

- pillows used in the a[illegible]

Gather the children on the flo[illegible] in a [illegible] and say: **Le[illegible] thank God for [illegible] the [illegible]ays he prote[illegible] us. I'll start a pray[illegible] a[illegible] you rep[illegible]t it after [illegible] I[illegible] want you to repeat [illegible]ion I mak[illegible] After every part of the prayer, I will a[illegible] one of you to take a pillow and stac[illegible] in a pile—that will be our fort th[illegible] reminds us of God's protection. Ready?**

**Dear God, thank you for protecting us from the rain and snow by giving us homes.** Show the children how to make a roof with their hands by touching their fingertips together at an angle. Invite one child to start building the fort.

**Thank you for protecting us by giving us brave firefighters who put out fires.** Show the children how to pretend to hold a fire hose and douse a fire. Ask a second child to add to the fort.

**Thank you for protecting us by giving us police officers who keep the roads safe for us.** Lead the children in pretending to turn the steering wheel of a police car and make siren noises. Invit[illegible] anot[illegible] child to add to the fort.

**Thank you for [illegible]achers [illegible]o keep [illegible] safe and teach us wh[illegible]we a[illegible] sch[illegible]ol.** Instruct the [illegible]hildren [illegible] pretend to write at an ima[illegible]nary [illegible]ite bo[illegible]d. Invite another child to add to th[illegible]ort.

**Thank [illegible] for our [illegible]arents and other g[illegible]wn-ups [illegible]ve us and keep us safe.** Hav[illegible]he chi[illegible]n give themselves a hug. Invite a[illegible] child [illegible]o has not yet added to the fort to take a turn adding a pillow. [illegible]truct all the children to sit in a circle around the fort and hold hands.

Pray: **Dear God, we thank you for all the ways you protect us. Amen.**

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