## SIMPLE MACHINES PRE-VISIT ACTIVITIES



# **SCREW**



Screws are specialized inclined planes that are used to raise and lower things as well as hold things together. Screw tops help hold lids on tight.

#### **MATERIALS**

- A screw-top milk jug
- A push-top milk jug



#### **STEPS**

- 1) Fill both milk jugs with water.
- 2) Place the tops on the milk jugs.
- 3) Step outside or to an area where you can make a mess.
- 4) Drop the milk jug with the push-top to the ground, what happens?
- 5) Drop the milk jug with the screw-top to the ground, what happens?

### WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?

The screw top of the milk jug is tighter than the push top. When dropped to the ground, the water forces off the push-on cap, where the screw-top holds the cap in place.