

# Making Connections . . .

When we witness actions that deny people their basic human dignity, what do we do? Our Catholic faith challenges us to always act with tolerance and respect toward others.

## WITH SCIENCE

Brain injuries suffered before, during, or near birth can lead to both physical and mental disabilities. Some of the most common types of disabilities resulting from such brain injuries are cerebral palsy, Erb's palsy (brachial plexus palsy), and Klumpke's palsy. Research one of the birth injuries named here or another birth injury that you have heard about. Find out the causes, what organ systems are affected, and how the failure or injury to one organ can affect the entire system. Describe what you find out to the class.

## WITH MATHEMATICS

Calculate the batting averages for the players on a T-ball team. Use the chart on the handout. Use this formula:  $x = h/t$  where  $x$  = batting average,  $h$  = hits,  $t$  = times at bat.

## WITH LANGUAGE ARTS

Interview someone you know who works with children who have either physical or mental disabilities. Find out about the joys and challenges these children, their teachers, and their families have. Give an oral presentation to your class sharing what you find out.



### Faith Action

*Find out how you can volunteer with an organization such as the Special Olympics. Volunteer your time and talents.*