

Making Connections . . .

Part of the adventure and responsibility of being a follower of Jesus Christ is to discover the gifts God has given us and to use those gifts to help others.

WITH **MATHEMATICS**

Tim is a whiz with numbers. His parish holds a “Quarters and Cans” Sunday once a month. Everyone empties their pockets of quarters. The coins are collected, counted, and deposited at the end of each month into a special account that compounds interest over the year. Every month the parish gives an accounting in the Sunday bulletin of how much money is in the account. Tim does the math. Help Tim. Do the math, using the figures given on the handout.

WITH **LANGUAGE ARTS**

Children need to learn at an early age that one of the great adventures in life is finding and using the gifts and talents God has given each of us. Children’s stories, such as Dr. Seuss’ *Oh, the Places You’ll Go!*, emphasize that each person is special. Write your own children’s story. Make the Catholic Social Teaching principle, Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers, come alive for children. Partner with a classmate who has chosen the creative arts activity.

WITH **CREATIVE ARTS**

Collaborate with a classmate who has chosen to write a children’s story, to illustrate the story. Talk through ideas with the author on how to illustrate it. Have the art teacher at your school help with determining the best medium for your illustrations.



Faith Action

*Identify one gift or talent God has given you.
Make a commitment to use it in service for others.*