

Making Connections . . .

Disciples of Jesus Christ are grateful for the many blessings God has given them. They look for opportunities to share their blessings with others in need.

With Mathematics

Share the results of your Traveling Light chart with three or four classmates. Combine your totals for each of the four columns. Divide each total by four to determine the average number of pieces of clothing each of you has, each of you wears often, each of you seldom wears, and each of you needs. Discuss the reflection at the bottom of the page. Then complete the following statement: To disciples of Jesus Christ, *traveling light* means _____. Share your findings and your responses with the class.

With Language Arts

One of the columns in your Traveling Light chart is "Number I Seldom Wear." Create a fictional story about a young person in Haiti who receives one or more pieces of your seldom-worn clothing. Describe how the clothing got to Haiti, who unpacked it, how the young person received it, and how it made the young person feel to have something new to him or to her.

With Creative Arts

Read from the Bible Colossians 3:12-14. Imagine what a garment of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, forgiveness, or love might look like. Draw an outline of your imaginary garment on a piece of poster board. Give your garment a look and design by using torn bits of colored paper, beads, ribbon, and other art supplies to create it. You may also wish to add words or phrases to your garment. Share your completed work with your class.

FAITH ACTION

Donate clothes you seldom wear to a local clothes closet. Then make it a practice to donate one item of clothing for every new item of clothing you buy.