

Making Connections . . .

It was a shock for Sergio and his mother to discover that the local recreation center was locked up. Sergio was determined to find ways to help. We all need to take part in and contribute to the work of our community.

WITH **MATHEMATICS**

When Sergio met with the people at the recreation center, he discovered that there was not enough money to replace the light bulbs in the electronic scoreboard or to run the score board during the youth league games. Sergio suggested that a volunteer use a large chalkboard that he had seen in a corner of the art room to keep score during the games. There was debate as to whether it was big enough. You decide. The rectangular chalkboard is three times as long as it is wide. If it were three feet shorter and three feet wider, it would be square. Calculate the dimensions of the chalkboard and decide whether it will work.

WITH **SOCIAL STUDIES**

Survey your local newspaper, television, and radio news over the course of several weeks. On the handout, record what you learn about the current issues in your community about politics, budget and finances, health, public services, and other hot topics. Use the information you gather to write some specific questions you can ask a local government official, such as a councilperson. Find out how the issues that surfaced in your analysis of the local news are being debated and resolved for the good of the community.

WITH **CREATIVE ARTS**

Create a role-play or other dramatic presentation of the meeting between Sergio and his mother and friends with the people at the recreation center. Concentrate on reaching win-win solutions for the issues that are keeping the recreation center from opening.



Faith Action

You can make a difference. Get involved in an issue affecting your community. See what a difference people working together can make.