

Making Connections . . .

Terrell and Ethan were fortunate to experience a week in God's wilderness. It gave them a different perspective on how people treat creation. They realized that every person has a responsibility to care for the world around them. You share that responsibility. Use the following activities to increase your own awareness of God's creation. Your actions can make a difference in the environmental issues facing society.

WITH **SCIENCE**

Use resources about the solar system, such as astronomical charts, to research the objects currently visible in the night sky from where you live. Include stars, planets, comets and asteroids, and information such as what phase the moon is in. Investigate factors in your part of the world that affect how people are able to view the night sky. For example, if you live in an urban area, how are light refraction and air pollution factors? What causes it in your community? What one step can you take to help reduce air pollution? Report back to your class on everything you find out.

WITH **SOCIAL STUDIES**

With a team of your peers, identify a problem at your school that involves caring for God's creation. Interview both adults and young people to find out what they think. Next, brainstorm steps that your team will take to implement strategies to address the problem. Contact other schools to find out how they address similar problems. Develop a plan of action.

WITH **CREATIVE ARTS**

Develop skits that you can present to the different classrooms and grade levels that tell about the problem identified at your school and what the plan is to fix the problem. Create posters to display around the school, reminding the students about doing their part to care for God's creation.



Faith Action

Take a long, hard look around you this week—at home, at school, in your community. Then choose to do something for the good of the environment.