Linked Lessons Answer Key

Passage 1 Theme (sample):

• Letting go of unnecessary burdens makes life easier.

Passage 2 Theme (sample):

• Clearing away clutter creates space for focus and success.

Common Theme (sample):

• Simplicity and letting go of excess can bring freedom, focus, and peace.

Teacher Notes:

- Stress that students must first identify each passage's individual theme before finding the connection.
- Accept variations that capture the same underlying lesson (e.g., "Too much can hold us back" or "Less is sometimes more").
- Discuss with students how different stories can carry the same universal message even when the details are very different.

