

# Geography - Week 1

## Teacher's Manual

Geography is the study of the earth. (*Geo-* means “earth,” and *-graphy* means “writing or record of.”) When we study geography, we look at the earth’s surface, weather, continents, and physical features, such as mountains, valleys, lakes, and rivers.

It’s important to know geography for many reasons.

First, it will help us understand the current issues and events in our world. As you hear about news events (through television or online or just from people you talk to), you’ll understand more about what is happening if you know *where* it is happening and something about the people who live there.

Secondly, businesses in our world interact globally (over the entire earth). As you grow up, you will probably interact with people from many places. Understanding their native country, you’ll have a better understanding of how to communicate with them.

Thirdly, understanding geography will help you in everyday life. For instance, if you are in a store and examine the labels on clothing, you’ll see the names of countries where the clothing was manufactured. You’ll start to understand the economies of those countries (and probably be able to make wiser decisions about which clothing you should buy).

However, we also study the *people* who live on this earth. YHWH God created the world in six days, and even after that, much of the earth’s physical features were formed because of the worldwide flood of Noah’s day. People were scattered over the face of the earth at Babel, and God has continued to deal with mankind through the centuries.

All of these things affect the study of geography.

The Scriptures say,

***“The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord<sup>1</sup> of heaven and earth... made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place”*** (Acts 17:24-26, ESV).

This teaches us that all mankind has a common ancestor.

❑ Who was that common ancestor? (*Adam and Eve, but also Noah and his wife*)

From this common ancestor, all the nations of the world were brought into existence. According to Genesis 10, seventy nations came from Noah and became the nations of today. All of the customs, religions, languages, and history of these countries began after Babel.

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<sup>1</sup> “Lord” here means master of heaven and earth.

Of course, most of these cultures and nations have rebelled against YHWH God. As we study geography this year, we will learn how a nation's relationship to God affects everything about their culture. We will clearly see how much mankind suffers when he rejects the one, true God! In contrast, we will see the blessings enjoyed when a nation acknowledges the Creator and seeks to be obedient to Him.

Finally, Yeshua commanded his disciples,

***“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you” (Matthew 28:19-20, ESV).***

As we study geography this year, we hope to help you fall in love with the peoples of the world and start to get a burden for the lost millions living without a Savior today. We will pray for them and think of ways that we could take the good news to them!

Print this world map and label the continents:

- [http://www.eduplace.com/ss/maps/pdf/world\\_cont.pdf](http://www.eduplace.com/ss/maps/pdf/world_cont.pdf)
- [http://nationalgeographic.org/education/mapping/outline-map/?ar\\_a=1](http://nationalgeographic.org/education/mapping/outline-map/?ar_a=1)

Learn about landforms.

- <http://www.humbleisd.net/cms/lib2/tx01001414/centricity/domain/1885/freelandformsdictionaryorcoloringbook.pdf>.
- [http://www.internet4classrooms.com/links\\_grades\\_kinderergarten\\_12/landforms\\_lesson\\_plans\\_social\\_geography.htm](http://www.internet4classrooms.com/links_grades_kinderergarten_12/landforms_lesson_plans_social_geography.htm)

Make a poster that shows what you have learned.

Revisit this online map, and use the arrows on the left side of the map to learn about features of each continent. Tell what you have learned.

- [http://nationalgeographic.org/education/mapping/outline-map/?ar\\_a=1](http://nationalgeographic.org/education/mapping/outline-map/?ar_a=1)

Here is a fun song on YouTube that you can sing to learn the names of the continents:

- <https://youtu.be/Lf--PQNDn7g>

Learn more about landforms:

- <http://worldlandforms.com/>

Visit Google Earth. You can zoom in on various locations and “see” them with your own eyes. (Addictive...)

- <https://www.google.com/earth>