

K-2 World Explorer — Activity Guide

A starter geography pack for K-2 homeschool families. Continents, oceans, and the basic shape of the world.

What's in this pack

- Kids World Map (colorful, illustrated)
- Blank World Map — for early labeling
- Continent maps: Africa, Asia, Europe, North America, South America
- Continent coloring sheets (use the blank versions)
- This activity guide PDF

Suggested 4-week sequence

Week 1 — The 7 continents song

Teach the 7-continents song (any version — there are dozens on YouTube). Sing it daily. Use the kids world map and have your child point to each continent as you sing. Don't worry about reading the labels — just shape recognition.

Week 2 — Continent shapes

Print each continent map (one per day). Have your child color it however they like. Talk about its shape — "Africa looks like a question mark!" "South America looks like an ice cream cone!" Tape them up around the room as you go.

Week 3 — Oceans

Use the blank world map. Color the oceans light blue. Name the five oceans: Pacific, Atlantic, Indian, Arctic, Southern. Drop one fact about each ocean per day (Pacific = biggest, Arctic = coldest, etc.).

Week 4 — Where do we live?

On the blank world map, mark with a star where you live. Mark with circles where any extended family lives. Mark with squares any country your family has a personal connection to. This is the meaning-making step — geography becomes about people.

Why no memorization yet

K-2 geography should be about **shape and story**, not labels and capitals. Children at this age are forming their mental map of the world — what shape it is, what the major regions look like, where people they know live. Memorization of country names and capitals is more developmentally appropriate at grades 3-5.

How to extend

- Pair with picture-book read-alouds set in different continents (one per week).

- Make a "passport" notebook where each continent gets its own page.
- Move on to the **3rd Grade US States Pack** when ready (typically grade 3).