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A Journey Through God's World

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A Journey Through God's World

Getting Started:

Expedition Earth is a geography unit study that covers 31 countries across the world. It is designed primarily for elementary level students.

**** See page 4 for a list of resources needed ****

Here are some of the topics included in this study:

- 7 Wonders of the World
- Introduction to Maps and Geography
 - Ecosystems Study
 - Geography Vocabulary
 - People & Places
- Christmas Around the World
 - Children Like Me
 - Animal Mini-books
 - Animal Identification
- Say "Hello" in many languages
- Food and Recipes
- Craft Activities
- Country Songs
- Fun Activities, Crafts and Games
- Country and Continent Quizzes
- Mini-books for each country
- Certificate of Completion

Additional activities for older students:

- Country Report
- Continent Report
- Animal Report
- Ecosystem Report
- Children Like Me Report
- Country Quizzes

Additional Reading:

I suggest visiting your local library or doing an internet search for countries that interest your child. Students can use these books during their free reading time for a more in depth study!

See Appendix for Additional Reading Resources

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Resources

Prepare Core Resources:

- **Expedition Earth Student Workbook** (Included in this curriculum.)
- **Expedition Earth Animal Unit** (FREE Animal Study by Country included in this curriculum.)
 - ⇒ **Tracing Sentence Version** [Expedition Earth: Discovering God's Animals](#) **OR**
 - ⇒ **Blank Lines Version:** [Expedition Earth: Discovering God's Animals Lines](#)
- [Usborne Encyclopedia of World Geography](#) by Usborne (Pub. Date January 2002) (Geography & weather Information) (Can substitute this with another world geography encyclopedia or do an online search. Simply read about each country and get it.)
- **Country Review Cards:** See Appendix
- **Flag Stickers:** See Appendix
- **Hello Language Cards:** See Appendix
- **Passport:** See Appendix
- **Lap book folders:** See Appendix
- **Prayer Cards:** See Appendix
- **Vocabulary:** Student Sheets and Definitions are located in the appendix of the Student Workbook
- [World Wall Map](#), globe, or both (Any world wall map can be used)
- 2 File Folders for World Lapbook (See Instructions in the appendix or watch this [video tutorial](#) time stamp 7:14 to create the double lapbook)
- 1 - 2" binder per student to store the student sheets.

Extra Resources:

I highly suggest you visit your local library each week and gather a few books relating to the country you are studying. Place a "Book Basket" and read aloud or encourage your kids to browse through the books during the week. There is a list of additional reading suggestions in the appendix of this document to help give you ideas.

Optional Resources:

(These resources are referred to in the curriculum, however they are totally optional additions. If you are on a budget, we've listed what topic each book covers so you can choose which would benefit your family most. You can also skip them entirely and be just fine!)

- [Animal Habitats](#) by David M Silver and Patricia J. Wynne (Biome/animal habitat activities)
- ["Children Just Say Yes" Book](#) DK Publishing (Children of the world)
- [Geography Songs](#) by Harry Troxell (Country memorization songs)
- [Me on the Map](#) by Susan Meyers (Intro to maps for kids ages 4-8 used in week 1 only)
- [Flag Stickers](#) (This is a pre-printed sticker book if you would like them, but there are printable flags in the appendix of this TM you can use for free!)

Additional Geography Resources:

- [Country Hop Scotch](#) by Maureen Spell (FREE)
- [Earth From Above - Arial Photos](#) (FREE -This is really cool!)
- [Eat Your Way Around the World](#) by [Jamie Aramini](#) (More Recipes from around the world)
- [Highlights Secret Detectives!](#) (Click on "clubs")
- [How to make an Apple Pie and See the World](#) by Marjorie Priceman
- [Paper Dolls:](#) FREE Paper Dolls from around the world
- [Paper Toys:](#) FREE fun resource for paper models
- [The Adventure of Christmas](#) by Lisa Whelchel (25 Advent Activity Ideas)
- [There's a Map on my Lap](#) Cat in the Hat Publishing

Preparation Instructions:

Student Preparation:

1. You will need a 2" 3-ring binder and one [set of 8 3-ring divider tabs](#) for each student. I suggest the kind with a pocket in the front so students can store their projects for that continent in the pocket.
2. You will need 2 file folders per student for the lapbook. See Instructions in the Appendix or watch this [video tutorial](#) time stamp 7:14 to create the double lapbook.

Printing Instructions:

1. Print the Teacher's manual, and either place it in a 3-ring binder, or have it spiral bound at your local office supply store. (This is optional, you may also choose to leave the teacher's manual on your computer for easy reference to linked items.)
2. Print the Expedition Earth Student Workbook (one per student). Hole punch and add the pages to a 2" 3-ring binder.
3. Write the following titles on your divider tabs, and insert a divider tab between each set of continent worksheets. Labels in order: Asia, N. America, S. America, Africa, Oceania, The Poles, Vocabulary
4. Print the mini-animal books (1 copy per student) and the animal cards (1 copy total to add to your animal wall) from the Expedition Earth Animal Unit included in the download. If you have older children, you want to use the blank lines version, if you have younger ones use the traceable sentence version.
 - ⇒ Sentence Version [Expedition Earth Covering God's Animals](#) OR
 - ⇒ Blank Lines Version [Expedition Earth Covering God's Animals Lines](#)
5. **Passport:** See Appendix ~ Print 1 per student (*Passport printout yields 2 passports.*)
6. **Flag Stickers:** See Appendix ~ Print 1 copy per student, plus one copy to add to your wall map as you learn each country. (You may want to laminate the wall poster flag copy.)
7. **Lap book folders:** See Appendix ~ Instructions on how to create a world lapbook.
8. **Reports: & Quizzes:** See Appendix ~ Feel free to skip or use the extra quizzes and reports as needed depending on the ages and skill level of your students.
9. **Prayer Cards:** See Appendix ~ Print 8 copies to have 1 card per country
10. **Hello Language Cards:** See Appendix ~ Optional: Print 1 copy total and add the cards to a bulletin board
11. **Country Review Cards:** See Appendix ~ Print 1 copy to review as a group
12. **Optional Animal Wall:** If you choose to make an animal wall to display the world animals, you'll want to create a 5'x4' area on your wall, and label with the animal classes provided in the download. Then you can add your animals as you learn about them.

Crafts, Recipes, Etc.

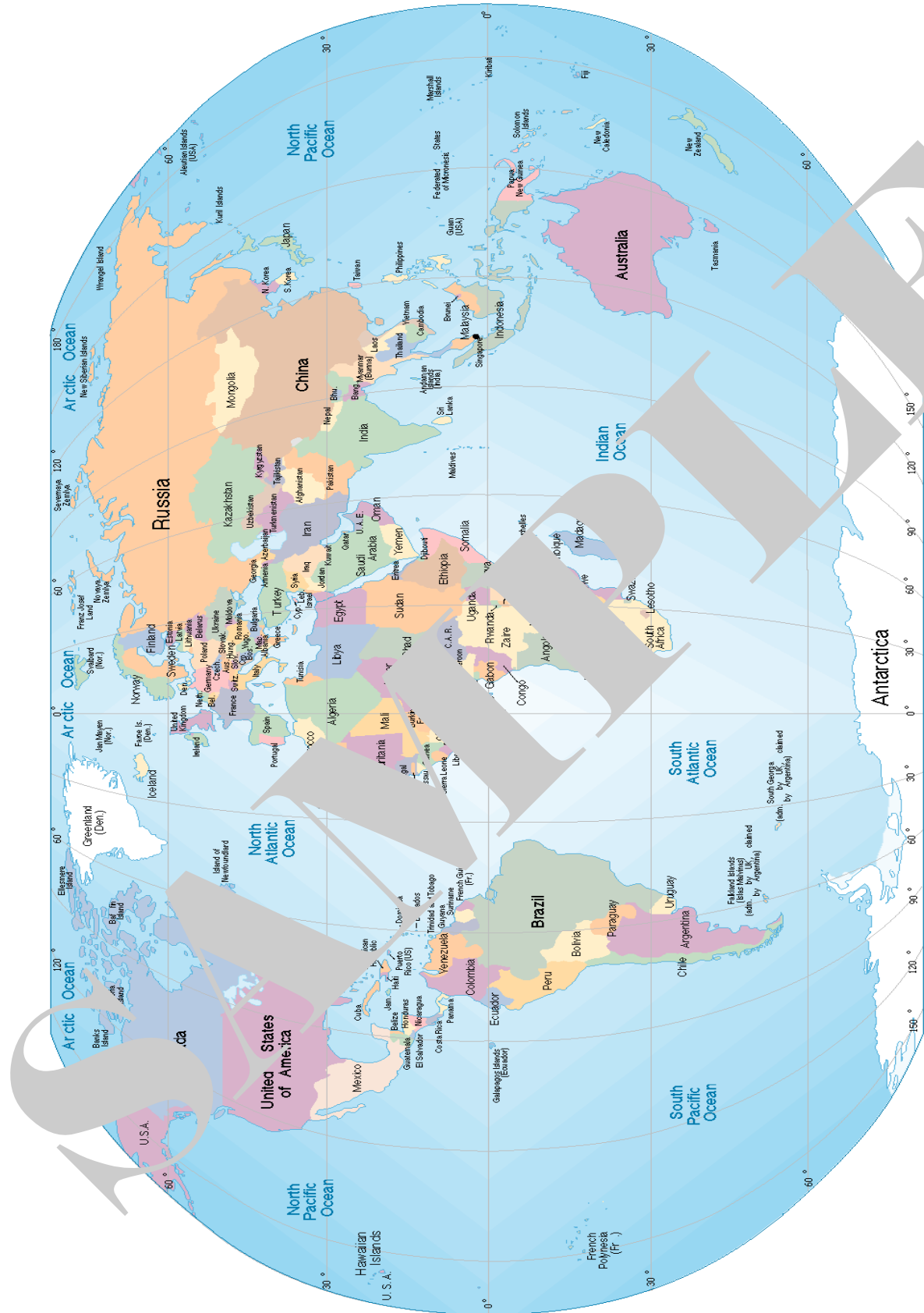
This curriculum includes a ton of fun crafts, recipes, and projects to work on as you learn about each country. Don't let this overwhelm you. Scan through the crafts before starting and then highlight or star the ones you think will benefit your family the most and just focus on those. Or if you're in for the challenge do them all! It's totally up to you.

To make this process easier, there is a supply list by country in the appendix of this manual. Print it out, then highlight the crafts you plan to do, and take it with you to the craft store! I suggest getting everything at once and that way you have it on hand when you come to each craft.

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World Map



South America



South America - Brazil

DAILY REVIEW: Review All Countries & Capitals Learned so far on World Map.

Day 1:

- Stamp Passports with Flag Stickers and entry date
- Locate Country on Map & add Brazil flag to your wall map.
- Complete Mapping Activity (Student Workbook)
 - Capital: Brasilia
 - Population: 186,112,790 (approx.)
 - Language: Portuguese
 - Religion: Roman Catholic
 - Currency: Real
 - Government: Federal Republic
- Geography Songs CD: Song #21 South America Song
- Read Country Fun Facts (Following Page)
- Pray for lost people, Christians and missionaries serving in this country
- Say "Hello" in Portuguese: Oi (pronounced oy)
- Listen to your name in Portuguese: Google Translate (type name and to/ from language), Thank You": obrigado

Day 2:

- Pray for lost people, Christians and missionaries serving in this country
- Pray for and Locate country on Map (review)
- Read: Usborne Encyclopedia of World Geography Pg. 178-179 Rainforest Peoples, find Brazil Pg. 279 H5
- Geography Songs CD: Song #21 South America Song
- Learn Flag and color page for Notebook (Student Workbook)
- Optional: "Animal Habitats" : Pg. 70 Animal Rainforest Activity

Day 3:

- Pray for and Locate country on Map (review) fill out prayer card
- Read: Usborne Encyclopedia of World Geography Pg. 182 & 183 Brazil
- Vocabulary: Jungle, River
- Animals from Brazil mini-book, and identify the animal cards on your animal wall.
- Activity: Make an anaconda using Play-doh or colorful Fimo clay

Day 4:

- Pray for & locate country on Map (review)
- Read: Usborne Encyclopedia of World Geography Pg. 58-59 Rivers
- Learn [more about Brazil](#) International Geographic Kids
- Lapbook Activity (Student Workbook)
- Play soccer, don't forget to call it futebol!
- Optional: Children "Just Like Me" Book Brazil
- Rainforest Diorama (see Pg. 70) continue on Friday if needed

Day 5:

- Pray for & locate country on Map - Quiz (See Appendix, do orally for younger ages)
- Create a Postcard for this country (Student Workbook)
- Learn about the **2nd Wonder of the World**: Christ the Redeemer Statue in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
- Stamp Passports with exit date

Brazil - Fun Facts

- Brazil is larger than Japan, Spain, Italy, Portugal, Indonesia and South Africa
- Brazil produces the worlds best coffee.
- Brazil shares borders with every country except Chile and Ecuador
- Brazils longest beach is 7500km.
- The 1963 Pan American Games were held in Brazil. They also had the greatest football player ever Edson Arantes dos Nascimento, known as "Pele". They excel in many sports. They won 13 Olympic Medals between 1920 and 1972.
- One of the world's super foods, the Acai berry, is grown in Brazil. It has become popular over the years and now is readily available in health food stores and other such shops. The Brazilians have used this berry for 300 years to stay healthy and young. It is a great dietary food.
- Brasilia, the capital of Brazil is regarded as one of the most beautiful cities of the world. One of the world's best architects, Oscar Niemeyer designed the city.
- Another of the interesting facts about Brazil is that its seasons are opposite to those of the United States. As a result, July is cooler than December. Moreover, Brazil's Amazon Basin receives approximately 7 feet rain every year.
- Brazil's Amazon river is the second longest river in the world running about 4,000 miles (6,440 km) long.
- The average discharge of water into the Atlantic Ocean by the Amazon River is approximately 175,000 cubic meters per second, or between 1/5th and 1/6th of the total discharge into the oceans of all of the worlds rivers! This discharge is 4-5 times that of the Congo River, and 10 times that of the Mississippi River.
- A variety of tropical fruits such as mangoes, pineapples and bananas are grown in the country. Fruits are generally served at the end of every meal.
- The country is home to several unique animal species such as the spotted ocelot, caiman crocodile, toucan, tapir and several other insects and reptiles. To add to Brazil fun facts, it is a home to the most species of monkeys.
- Average rainfall across the whole Amazon basin is approximately 2300 mm (or 7.5 feet) annually. In some areas of the northwest portion of the Amazon basin, yearly rainfall can exceed 3000 mm (19.7 feet)!

Brazil: Rainforest Diorama

Supplies:

- 3 Shoe boxes or cardboard boxes the same size
- Green paint
- Paper towel tubes, or wrapping paper tubes
- Fake leaves (From craft store)
- Plastic Rainforest Animals (monkey, frogs, birds, snakes)
- Blue Play-doh
- Hot Glue Gun
- Pipe Cleaners, brown & green
- Pete moss material (from craft store)
- Colorful fake tropical flowers

Directions:

- Paint shoe boxes green
- Glue boxes together and cut 2 holes big enough for the wrapping paper roll through.

Emergent: The emergent layer consist of the tops of the tallest trees. It is full of birds and insects.

- Glue on leaves and birds

Canopy: The canopy consists of the upper parts of the trees, it is full of insects, arachnids, birds, mammals (monkeys, orangutans) reptiles, vines, mosses, liches and orchids.

- Glue, or poke holes for pipe cleaners
- Glue on leaves and hang animals on vines
- Add tree frogs to this layer if you have them

Understory: The understory is a dark, cool environment that is under the leaves of the canopy. It contains short, leafy, mostly non-flowering shrubs,, vines etc. Animals include insects like beetles, lizards and small mammals. Larger animals such as jaguars spend a lot of time on branches surveying the area for prey.

- Glue on leaves and insects

Forest Floor: The forest floor is teeming with animal life, especially insects and arachnids (like tarantulas). The largest animals in the rainforest generally live here, including gorillas, anteaters, wild boars, jaguars and people.

- Using blue play-doh create river down center of floor
- Cover rest of bottom with Pete-moss
- Add in flowers, leaves and animals



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Expedition Earth Binder

Supplies:

(One set each per student):

- 2" Binder

(I prefer the kind with clear plastic covering so you can put your binder cover printout into the front and spine.)

- 8 (sort by continent) OR 31 (sort by country) Binder Dividers with Tabs (see Student workbook for printable divider tabs)

Assembling Student Binder:

1. Print the Cover Page, spine, and insert tab labels from Student workbook.
2. Cut them out and slide them into the clear plastic on the front and spine of the binder.
3. Put the Divider tabs into each binder and slide continent or country names into each tab in order.
4. As you work through the countries place any work for each country behind its divider tab.
5. Glue animal mini-books and A Journey Through Learning mini-books to each country's divider page, or create a large country map-book and add the mini-books to it as you go.



Tips:

I also make a binder for myself. After printing the curriculum, I separate the work by continent in my binder so everything is ready when teaching.

I also make a list of all craft supplies and any extra materials needed for the independent crafts and recipes in this curriculum. You can get them as you go, or all at once so they're on hand.

There is a complete Craft Shopping List at the end of this document.

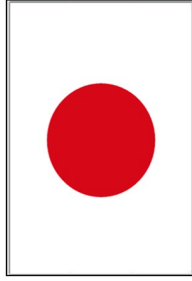
Passport Flag Stickers



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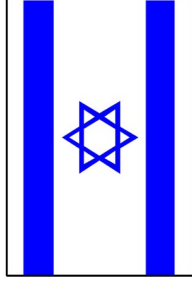
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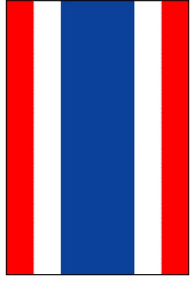
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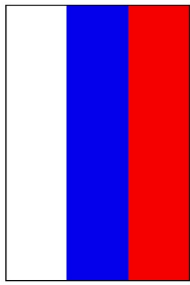
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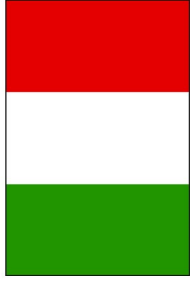
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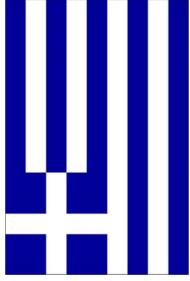
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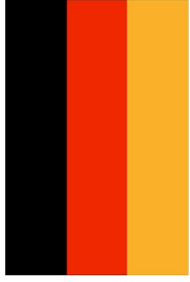
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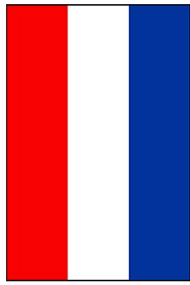
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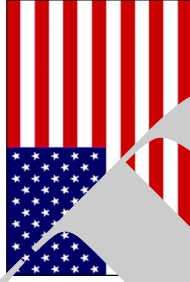
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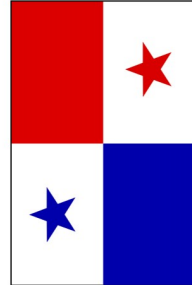
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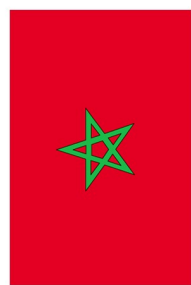
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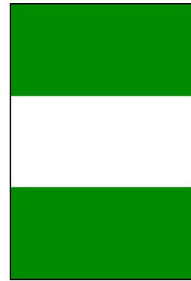
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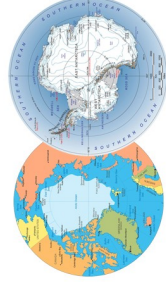
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The Poles

Expedition Earth Lap Book Instruction

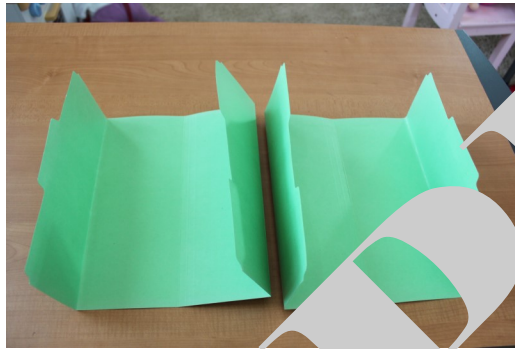
As you journey through Expedition Earth, you will be creating a mini-book for each country you study. As they are completed, you can add them to your World Lap Book Activity so at the end you'll have a wonderful souvenir for all your travels!

Supplies Needed:

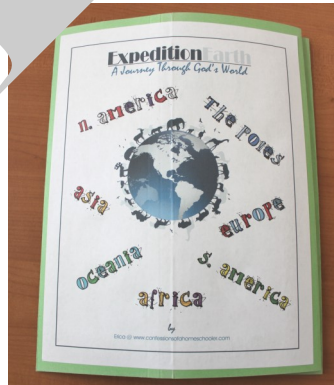
- 2 file folders
- Glue
- Lap Book Cover Page, Continent Titles and mini-books (see Student Workbook)
- Scissors.

Directions:

1. Fold each side of the file folders in so they meet in the center. Do this to both of your file folders. (See Below)



2. Glue matching sides together with a glue stick. Fold the book up and glue title page on front.



3. Arrange Continent Titles on Lap Book so there is adequate room for completed mini-books. You can arrange yours any way you see fit, here is an example:



Certificate of Completion

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CONGRATULATIONS!

_____ has completed Expedition Earth!

