

At Home: Puzzle Map of the World

Intro to Geography

Dr. Maria Montessori wanted to present to the child the oneness of humankind. Through the Geography materials her desire is to give him the opportunity to see our similarities regardless the continent we live in. Instead of seeing the differences between us, the child is able to see that all the children and people in the world have the same needs.

All humans have in common the same basic needs and will find a way to satisfy them with variations that result from the physical geography and different creations of people from each place. We all need to satisfy our spiritual, physical, recreational and social needs. All of us have families, food, housing, education and means of transportation. We also have values like having dinner together as a family, working to collaborate with others, and seeking for our spiritual growth. And, in every continent we can enjoy the unique beauty of nature and unique animals.

I believe that when we are aware that we are one we are able to collaborate to bring peace, love and hope to the world, beginning with his favorites: the children!

Purpose: To have a visual recognition of the forms along with the names of the continents, oceans, hemispheres and their relationships to each other

Notes:

1. Give some little explanation: “The earth is represented as a Globe or sphere. With the globe we cannot see everything at once, but if we ‘cut’ it we can; we want to have the globe flat, so we can see both sides of the world at the same time”.
2. After watching the video, you can do the following activities:
 - a. Color or paint.
 - b. Cut or pin-punch and paste or glue.
 - c. Prepare slips with names and glue them on their corresponding continents.
 - d. Have the child close his eyes, hide one continent and he will identify which one is it.
 - e. Bring Me Game (Hide and bring the one that you ask for) or
3. Links:
 - a. Map: Continents
(Oceania is the same as Australia)
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JIZOhuKremE>
 - b. https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=2&v=SYn0HSVePbA&feature=emb_logo
 - c. For parents (may show some parts of the video to your child):
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iXdsL1511Gs>
4. You may also show your child the Oceans and tell them their names.

Language:

- Continents:
 - a. North America
 - b. South America
 - c. Asia

- d. Africa
 - e. Europa
 - f. Antarctica
 - g. Oceania
- Oceans
 - a. Atlantic
 - b. Pacific
 - c. Artic
 - d. Southern
 - e. Indian
- Hemispheres