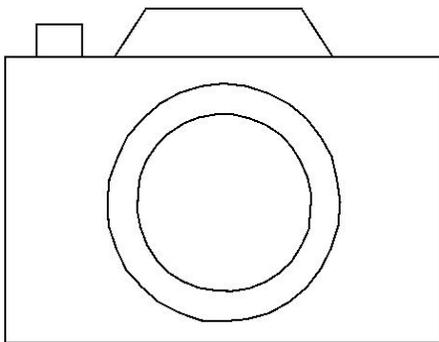


Family Fun with Geography

Books offer a glimpse into faraway places. Where else can you travel across the globe or galaxy with a flip of a page? Use books and activities to help teach children about travel and geography. Emphasize where a story takes place to help kids become aware of settings. Use some of these ideas to help:

- Find a large copy of an Idaho map, a United States map, or a world map. Put pins, stickers or highlight places you've visited, or where relatives live, or where current events are happening.
- Talk about where people and products come from.
- Collect stamps or state quarters. Research or locate where they came from on a map.
- Help your child get a pen pal or write/e-mail letters to relatives or friends in different cities or countries.
- Keep maps, atlases and globes around the house, and use them with your child.
- Make binoculars by stapling two toilet tissue tubes and some yarn together. Explore together and talk about what you see.
- Celebrate cultural customs and rituals from your heritage.
- Experiment with other cultures. Attend celebrations, eat foods from other cultures, learn some common phrases in other languages, and learn as much as you can by reading about and talking with people from other cultures.



Activity: Make a Camera

Use this pattern or make your own camera front on a heavier piece of paper. Glue an envelope to the back. Have your child color or use bottle tops or spongy foam to decorate the camera. Glue pictures from magazines of animals, travel pictures, or whatever you like on index cards or other heavier paper to slip in the envelope. Pretend to take a picture with your camera and then pull out one card to see your instant snapshot. Make as many "photos" as you'd like!



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