Victory Christian Satellite Schools, LLC

GEOGRAPHY

Skills Checklist, Tools, and Resource Ideas

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INTRODUCTION: Knowledge and understanding of Geography is knowledge and understanding of the world we live in and its people, and not just another school subject. Therefore, the limits of our geographical knowledge determine the limits of our vision of God's world. IT is important to develop the habit of looking up the location of each unknown place we hear about and learning about its people. Thus, we can develop a caring attitude about those outside our won daily lives, and begin to see the world as God sees it – a multitude of precious souls in need of His salvation.

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GEOGRAPHICAL SKILL CHECK LIST: There are certain basic facets and skills we all need to learn to be geographically literate. The following should be helpful:

( ) See and appreciate God as Creator and Sustainer of the earth, heavens, and everything therein.

( ) Understand the influence of the Flood on the Earth's topography and climates.

( ) Learn names, locations, and relative sizes of continents, nations, capitalism, important cities, oceans, seas, mountain ranges, rivers, lakes, etc.

( ) Learn geographical terms (such as, hemisphere, isthmus, etc.)

( ) Learn physical characteristics of different places in the world.

*Climate *Terrain (mountains, rivers lakes, plains)

*Vegetation and soil *Natural resources *Indigenous animals

( ) Learn directions (N, S, E, W, NE, NW, etc) and how to use a compass

( ) Learn map and globe skills

*Symbols *Scale (miles to inches) *Latitude and longitude grids

( ) Analyze advantages and disadvantages of different locations for people to live in (e.g. harbors, fertile valleys, tropical climate, etc.)

( ) Understand the interaction between people and their environment

*How the environment affects people (e.g. warm, humid South ---slower pace)

*How people affect the environment (e.g. dams, bridges, irrigation)

( ) Understand migration and transportation of people, goods, ideas, and information

*e.g. God's dispersion of people at the Tower of Babel

*e.g. Information highway (Telephone, Texting, Internet)

( ) Study unique characteristics of different regions in the world

*History *Culture *Religion *Economics *Politics

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TOOLS TO STUDY GEOPGRAPHY:

*Globe / Wall Map *Geography texts *Country index card file

*Map links and Memory Hooks (e.g. Use of stickers for labeling map) *Picture flash cards

*Stamp collecting *Country notebooks *Missionary stories *Geography games

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TEACHING GEOGRAPHY WITH MEANING AND A MISSION: There are at least 12 major subdivisions in the study of Geography, which can be placed into two main categories: *physical* and *social*. PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY includes the study of the Earth's physical feature, such as mountains, rivers, arable land, climate, plants, and animals, as well as their influences. SOCIAL GEOGRAPHY examines peoples and cultures by regions, including economics, politics, governmental systems, religions, and general ways of life.

IDEA: Use of ***Operation World*** by Patrick Johnstone covers 230+ countries of the world. The book organizes information about each country into helpful, basic categories of areas, peoples, literacy, capital, economy, politics, religions, and prayer points. ***Operation World*** can be obtained from www.cbd.com.