



Family Newsletter for Unit 1

Communities and Their Geography

Learn About It

In this unit, your child will learn:

- what a community is and how communities differ from one another
- about the form and importance of the earth's land, water, and resources

Here are some ways that you can help your child learn:

Talk About It

Chapter 1: The Place We Live

Your community Communities may be urban, suburban, or rural. Discuss with your child which type of community you live in and how it is different from other types of communities. What specific things make your community what it is?

Chapter 2: Our Land and Resources

Natural resources Many communities grew up around natural resources such as farmland or waterways. Discuss what natural resources are found in and around your community and their importance. Also talk about the ways that your family uses natural resources to meet your needs.

Make It

A mural View photographs or other pictures of landforms or bodies of water in or near your community. Choose one and create a mural showing how people live in and around this geographic feature.

Read to Learn More About It

The Best Town in the World, by Byrd Baylor. This Texas town has just about the best of everything, including chickens.

Tanya's Reunion, by Valerie Flournoy. Tanya accompanies her grandmother to the family farm for a reunion.

Where Does the Trail Lead? by Burton Albert. A boy spends his summer day vigorously exploring the seashore and rejoining his family at day's end.



Technology

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