

The Midwest

Learn About It

In this unit, your child will learn:

- the regions, landforms, bodies of water, climate, and resources of the Midwest
- where and how people live in the Midwest

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

Talk About It

Chapter 7: Exploring the Midwest

Goods and services Many natural resources help the economy in the Midwest by providing goods and services. Discuss with your child three natural resources that are important to where you live. What are they? How are these resources similar to or different from the resources of the Midwest?

Chapter 8: Living in the Midwest

Plants and animals There are several plants and animals that have adapted to living in the Midwest. Discuss some plants and animals that are located in the region where you live. What are those plants and animals, and how have they adapted to the environment of the region? Are any of the plants and animals the same as those in the Midwest?

Make It

A recreation collage Working together, select some recreational activities that are important to your region. Work together with your child to make a collage that shows each of these activities. Why do people enjoy these activities in your region?

Read to Learn More About It

Joel: Growing Up a Farm Man, by Patricia Demuth. An exploration of life on an Illinois family farm through the eyes of thirteen-year-old Joel.

The King of Prussia and a Peanut Butter Sandwich, by Alice Fleming. How Mennonite farmers changed Kansas farming.

A Sea of Grass: The Tallgrass Prairie, by David Dvorak. Beautiful photographs enhance information about the plants and animals that live on the prairie.



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