

## Objective

The main objective of *Galloping the Globe* is to introduce students to the seven continents and a few of the countries within each continent. Along with studying geography, the students will be introduced to various historical figures, missionaries, holidays, and animals of the world. This study is geared for kindergarten to fourth grade level. It can be easily adapted to older or younger children using a few companion texts; however, the majority of the books listed under each section are for the elementary age group.

## Overview

*Galloping the Globe* is a comprehensive unit study designed to be completed in one to three years. All subjects except math and spelling are covered. The text can also be used as a reference with any other curriculum. For more detailed information see Teaching Tips by Topic. Each section contains:

- **General Reference** – References and general information about the country or topic.
- **Geography** – Geographical terms relating to physical or topical geographic forms located in the country.
- **History and Biographies** – Missionaries, historical figures, leaders, authors, artists, musicians, scientists, and other important people who were born in or have ties with the country.
- **Literature** – Quality children's literature associated with the country, stories relating to topics studied under the country, or titles chosen just for fun and entertainment.
- **Language Arts** – Suggestions and activities to reinforce language and grammar concepts.
- **Science** – Animals, plants, and other topics that are associated with the country
- **Bible** – Scripture references related to character traits found in the literature or pertaining to items listed in other sections of the country.
- **Activities** – A variety of crafts using readily available materials, recipes, music, and other activities pertaining to the country's culture.
- **Holidays and Celebrations** – Major holidays celebrated in the country.
- **Travel and Tourism Information** – Country travel and tourism contact information, if available, for obtaining travel brochures to use during the study.

## Getting Started

Before beginning *Galloping the Globe*, please be sure your students have a globe, beginner atlas, children's dictionary, and Bible readily available. It is also helpful to have access to a set of encyclopedias, either in book form or on the computer. Most of the books used in this program were found in the authors' local library. Please check your library for these or other compatible resources before purchasing multiple books listed.

While none are mandatory, there are a few resources that you may consider buying since they are utilized throughout the duration of the course. Besides the added convenience, most of these fine books can be used for many years to come.

**A note about the Core Book List:** The following list has changed some since the first printing of *Galloping the Globe* when a few of the recommended resources were taken out of print. *Special Wonders of the Wild Kingdom* has been reprinted under the new title of *Magnificent Mammals* (Marvels of Creation series). *Big Book of Books and Activities* was added for use primarily with language arts as an enhancement to student notebooking.