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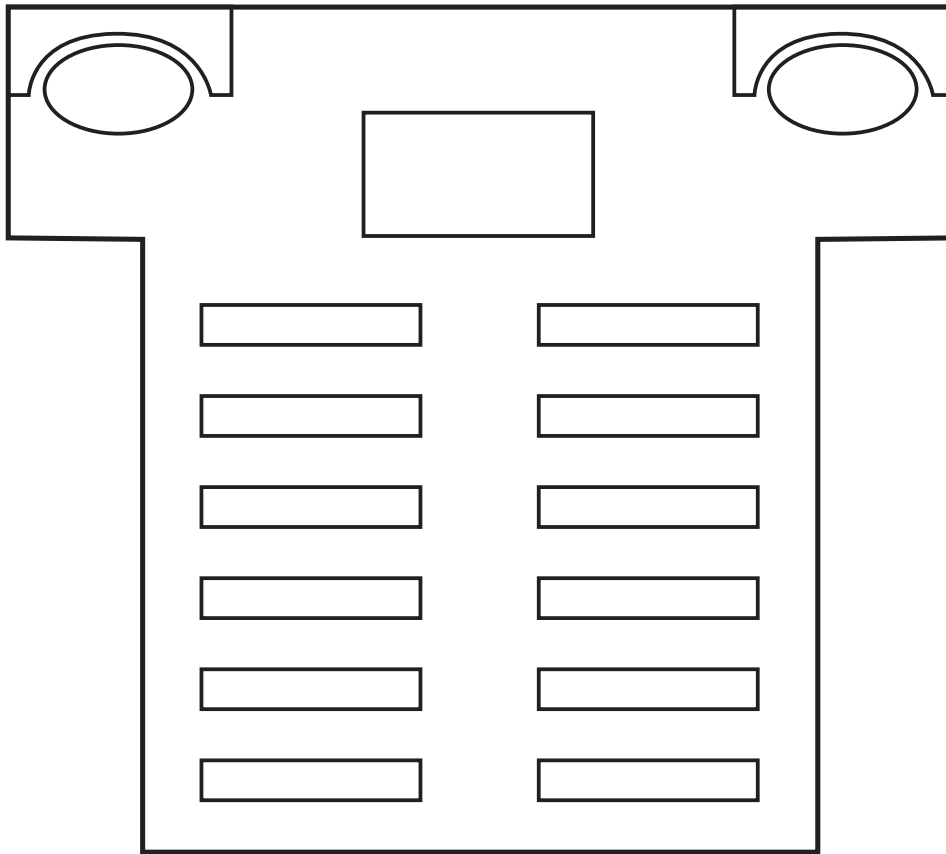
What Is a Map?

Ava and Mike go to St. Mary's Church.






Ava and Mike climbed up to the choir loft. Looking down, they could see where things were in the church. A map shows what a place looks like from high up. A map of St. Mary's shows the altar, the pews, and the statues of the Blessed Mother and the Sacred Heart of Jesus. A **map** is a drawing of a place that shows where important things are.

St. Mary's Church



Maps have **titles**. The title of this map is **St. Mary's Church**.

Activity

1. Find the map **title** and circle it.
2. On the map, pews look like this: 
Color the pews **brown**.
3. Find the altar. It looks like this: 
Color it **yellow**.
4. The statues look like this: 
Color the statues **blue**.
5. How many statues are in the map of the church?

1

2

3

What Is a Map Key?

A **map** is a drawing of a place that shows where important things are. Maps are much smaller than the real place.

To show where big things are on a small map, we use symbols. A **symbol** is a small picture that stands for something on the map. Symbols are placed in a box, called a **map key**, which tells us what they stand for.

Map Key



Swing



Seesaw



Water



Slide



Tree



Food Stand



Bench

Activity

Can you tell what each symbol in the park stands for? In the map key, draw a line from each name to the correct symbol.

Oak City Tot Lot



Activity

Directions: Circle the correct answer for each question.

1. Ava is standing in front of the

swing

slide

2. Mike is next to the

bench

seesaw

3. Mike and Ava will get a drink here:



4. Mike and Ava will go up and down on the

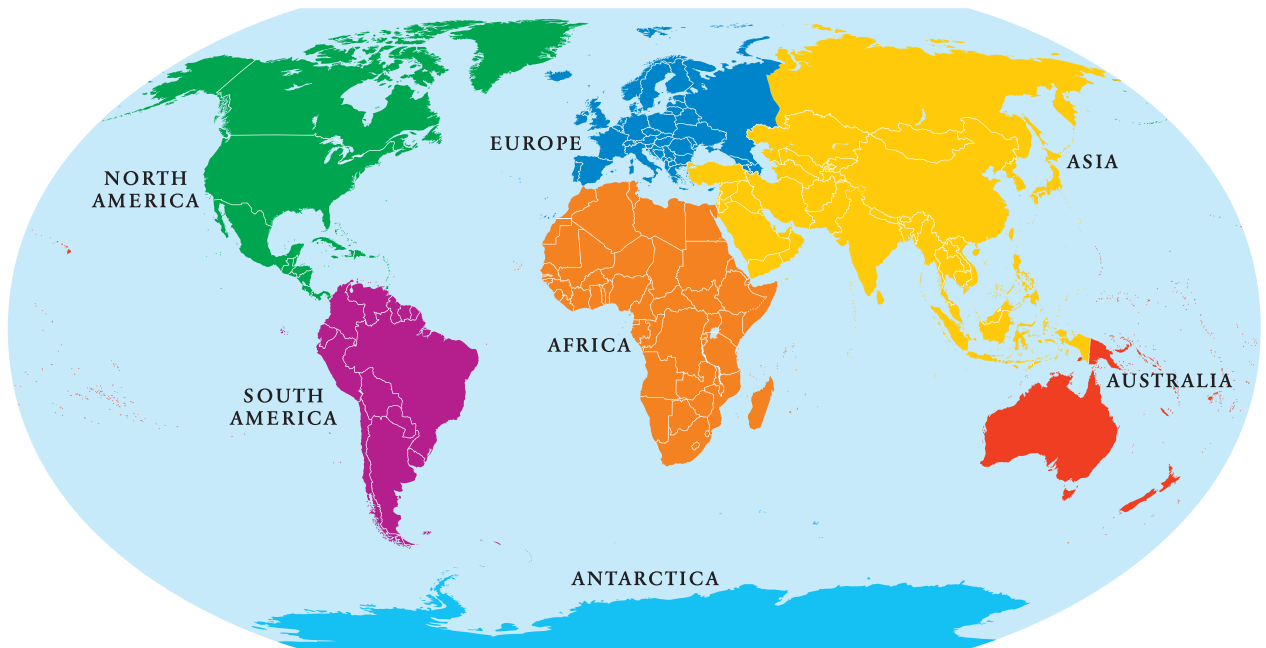


5. Circle the title of the map.

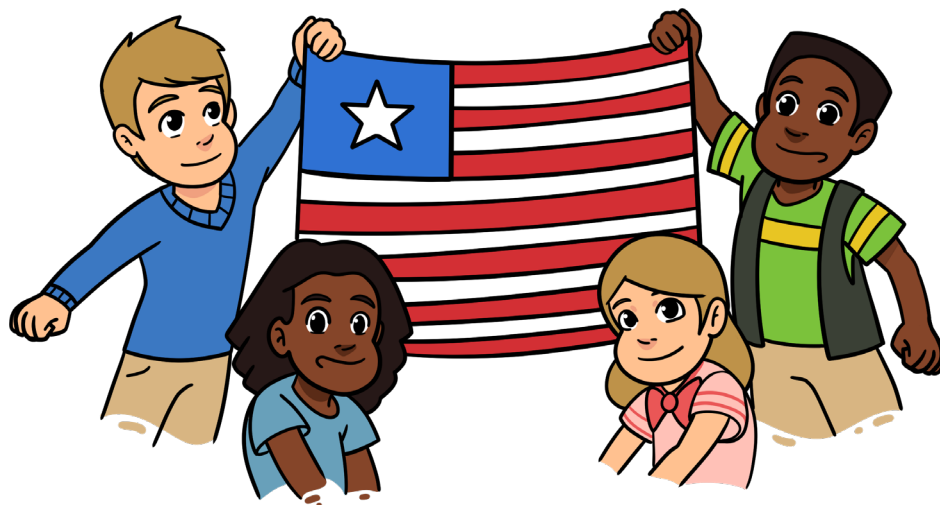
Earth's Continents

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This map of the world shows Earth's **continents**. Continents are large areas of land on Earth. There are seven continents: North America, South America, Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia, and Antarctica.

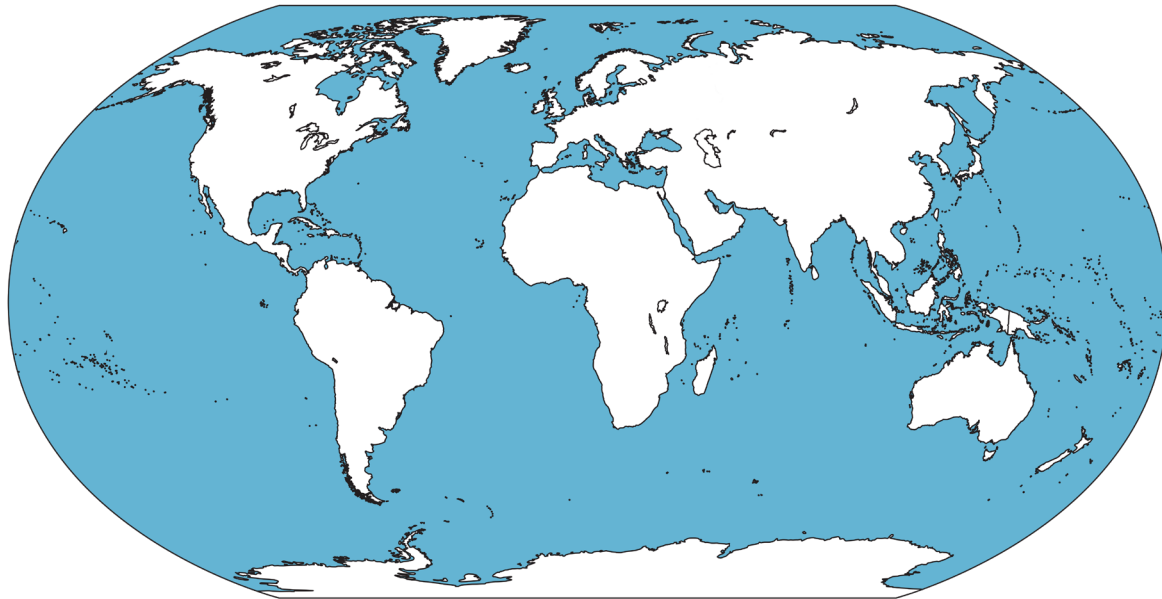


Kate, Ava, Mike, and Pete all live in North America. Find North America on the map. On which continent do you live?

Make Your Own Map

Directions: Label the oceans by printing these numbers on them in the map below.

1. The Pacific Ocean
2. The Atlantic Ocean
3. The Indian Ocean
4. The Southern Ocean
5. The Arctic Ocean



Some maps use colors instead of symbols to show where things are. Make your own **map key** to show where the continents are. Choose a different color for each continent. Fill in the box next to each continent's name, then color the continent on the map.

Map Key of the Continents

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|--------------------------|---------------|--------------------------|--------|--------------------------|------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | North America | <input type="checkbox"/> | Asia | <input type="checkbox"/> | Australia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | South America | <input type="checkbox"/> | Europe | <input type="checkbox"/> | Antarctica |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Africa | | | | |

North America

Kate, Ava, Mike, and Pete all live in North America. Here is a map of North America.

Map of North America



There are different kinds of maps. Some maps show where mountains, hills, and plains are located. Some maps show rivers. This map shows oceans and countries. A **country** is an area of land where people live under the same government. Sometimes they speak the same language.

What Is a Pictograph?

The Oak City homeschoolers planted a vegetable garden. To show how many rows of each vegetable they grew, they made a **pictograph**. The pictograph tells how many **rows** of vegetables they grew. It tells you without using words.

Key



1 row of tomatoes



1 row of carrots


















1 row of corn



1 row of peppers

Oak City Homeschoolers' Vegetable Garden

Tomatoes	  
Corn	    
Carrots	   
Peppers	  

Activity

Directions: Circle the correct answers.

1. How many rows of corn did the homeschoolers grow?

3

4

5

2. How many rows of carrots did the homeschoolers grow?

3

4

5

3. The homeschoolers planted the most rows of which crop?

corn

peppers

tomatoes

4. Circle the **two crops** that had the same number of rows.

tomatoes

corn

carrots

peppers

5. Altogether, how many rows of vegetables were in the homeschoolers' garden?

thirteen

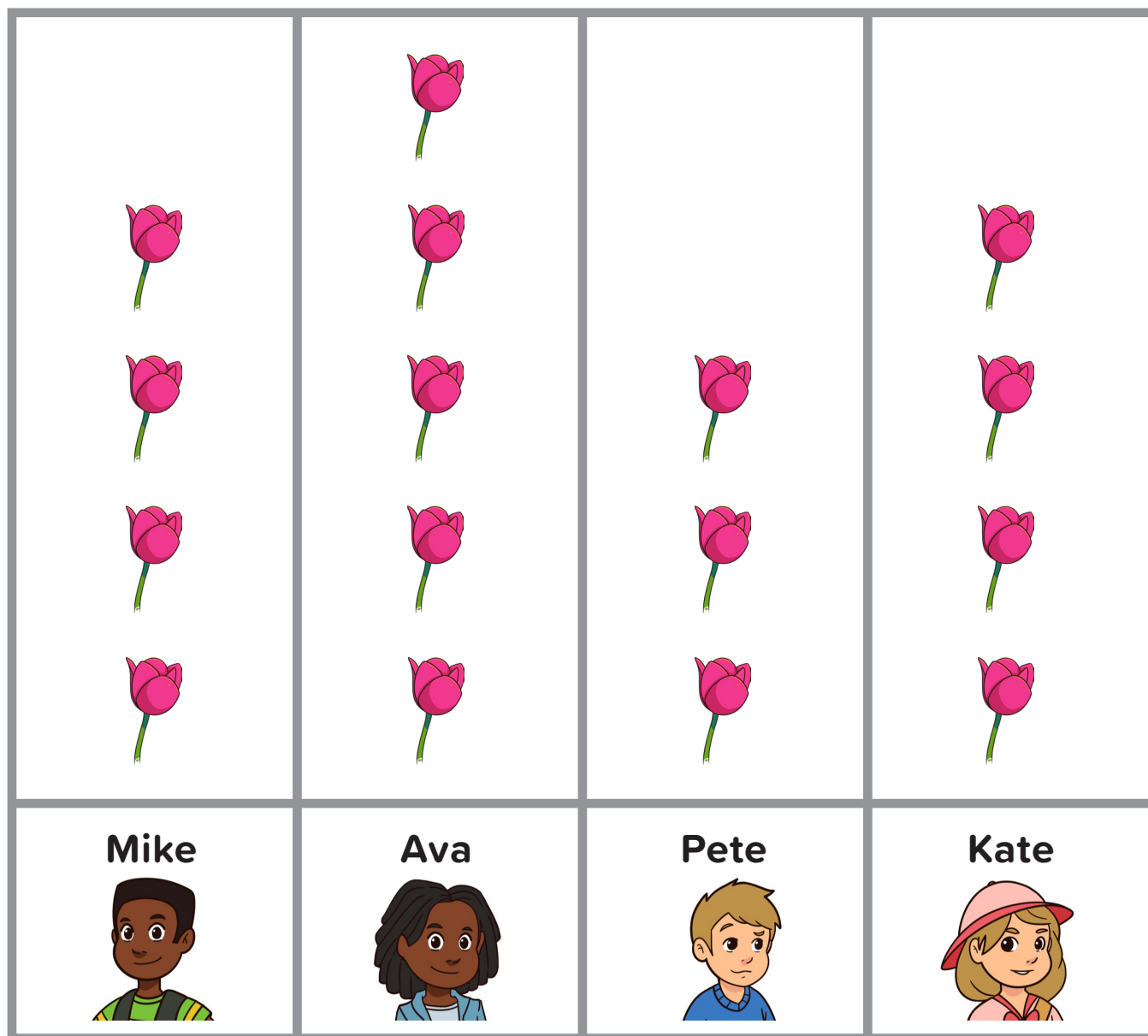
fourteen

fifteen

6. What is the title of the pictograph? Circle it.

The children picked flowers to put next to the statue of the Blessed Mother outside St. Mary's Church. Study the pictograph and answer the questions below it.

Who Picked Flowers for the Blessed Mother Statue?



Key



1 flower picked for the Blessed Mother statue

Activity

Directions: Answer the following questions.

1. Find the title of this pictograph and circle it.

2. Who picked the most flowers?

3. Who picked the fewest flowers?

4. How many flowers did Mike and Kate pick altogether?

5. Who picked more flowers, the boys or the girls?

6. Altogether, how many flowers did the children put near the Blessed Mother statue?

Words to Remember

Address – Tells the mail carrier where a home or a building is located.

Border – The line between two places.

Capital – The place where the leaders of a country or state work.

Coast – Land near an ocean.

Compass rose – Tells us where directions are on a map.

Continents – Large areas of land on Earth.

Country – An area of land where people live under the same government.

Earth – Planet shaped like a big ball where human beings live.

Entrance – A way into a place.

Exit – A way out of a place.

Flag – A piece of cloth that is used as a symbol for something, such as a country or state.

Globe – A picture of Earth drawn on a ball.

Hill – Land that is higher than plains.

Lake – A body of water surrounded on all sides by land.

Map – A drawing of a place that shows where important things are.

Map key – Tells us what symbols stand for on a map.

Mountain – The highest land on Earth.

Ocean – A very large body of saltwater.

Plains – Flat land.

River – Water that flows across land, from one place to another.

Route – A path we follow to go from one place to another.

Symbol – A small picture that stands for something on a map.

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