



# African Activities

Here are two simple and fun activities to do with your GEMS to help them learn more about Africa. You will need to print off enough maps (both with and without country names filled in depending on the activity you choose to do) for each of your girls. Make sure you have a map with the country names filled in for yourself to use as a reference point in helping the girls! These map activities can be done all at once or divided over several meetings. Use your creativity. Come up with your own ideas!

## Using the map without country names:

1. Help girls locate the country of Zambia by giving these clues:
  - a. It is located in East Africa to the South.
  - b. It is shaped like a butterfly or peanut.
  - c. It is landlocked (does not border an ocean).
  - d. It is surrounded by eight countries.

Then, label and color in the country of Zambia.

2. Next locate and color in the eight countries surrounding Zambia: Angola, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Tanzania, Malawi, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Namibia (Caprivi Strip of Namibia is not obvious on the map).
3. Do a simple chant with the girls where the Counselor leads with, "We have Sisters in (City Name), Zambia. They have sisters in Angola, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Tanzania, Malawi, Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Botswana, Namibia **and** (Name of **your** City, State/Province, Country)." If you like, add claps, snaps, or knee slaps to your chant.

## Using the map with country names:

1. Give girls a map with names and ask them to find all countries that begin with any of their initials. Write those country names on their unlabeled map and color. Have each girl call out one country with her initial.
2. Fill in names of countries where your church may have missionaries or which girls may know about. Ask them to share what they know of the country.
3. Using the maps with the names filled in, have girls complete their blank maps by filling in the remaining countries.

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