

## Objective

By the end of this lesson, Wolves will be able to identify and describe different maps, understand the concepts of cities, states, and countries, and create their own simple map reflecting what they have learned.

## Materials and Prep

- Paper
- Pencils or colored pencils
- Ruler (optional for straight lines)
- Access to a globe or a simple online map (if needed)

Before the lesson, ensure that Wolves has a basic understanding of what maps are and can recognize some common symbols used in maps. You might want to briefly explain the difference between a city, state, and country if they aren't familiar.

## Activities

### • Map Exploration:

Start by exploring different types of maps. Look at a world map, a country map, and a city map. Discuss what makes each map unique. Ask Wolves to point out different states and countries and their capitals.

### • Create Your Own Map:

Wolves will draw their own map of an imaginary city, including important places like schools, parks, and homes. Encourage them to use symbols and a key to explain what each symbol represents.

### • Map Scavenger Hunt:

Set up a scavenger hunt where Wolves has to find specific locations on a map (these can be real or imaginary). For example, "Find the capital city of the state we live in" or "Locate the largest park in your imaginary city."

### • State and Country Quiz:

Have a fun quiz where you ask Wolves questions about different states and countries. For example, "What is the capital of Canada?" or "Name a state that starts with the letter 'T'."

## Talking Points

- "Maps are like treasure maps that help us find places! Can you think of a time when you used a map?"
- "A city is a place where many people live and work. What is your favorite place in our city?"
- "States are like big pieces of a puzzle that fit together to make our country. Can you name some states?"
- "Countries are large areas of land with their own governments. Which country would you like to visit someday?"
- "Every map has a key! The key tells us what the symbols on the map mean. Can you create a key for your map?"
- "When we look at a map, we can see how far apart places are. Why do you think knowing

distances is important?"

- "Maps can show us different things, like roads, rivers, and even mountains. What would you like to see on your map?"
- "Exploring maps can be a fun adventure! What do you think we might discover today?"