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Introduction

By Amanda Bennett

It's usually the shamrocks and leprechauns that children ask about when you start talking about Ireland. Then they fall in love with the Connemara ponies and the Irish setters, the language and the people. As we head off on our expedition to learn about Ireland, we will be studying these things and having a trip to remember!

With Download N Go™ unit studies, you are about to begin a new kind of learning experience. Each study is one week in length, having five daily lessons with lapbook components for each day. The name, Download N Go™, comes from the concept that these studies are ready to use as soon as you have downloaded them. No preparation or waiting time or other expensive resources are required. A few inexpensive items are needed for the lapbook—a simple file folder, a glue stick, safety scissors, brass brads, ribbon, and crayons or markers. That's it—simple, effective, and what a way to learn!

Now that you are beginning Expedition Ireland, get ready for a wonderful learning adventure about this country and all that it holds. Your child will learn about continents, the people and places of Ireland, the unique animals of Ireland, and even the legend of the Blarney Stone. Each day will be spent exploring and investigating, creating and adding more learning components to the Expedition Ireland lapbook—building a wonderful reminder of all that he is learning to be enjoyed for years to come.

From developing an understanding of the Irish word “leabhar” to investigating the Giant’s Causeway, your child is about to begin a trip around the globe on a unique learning adventure. With this new title in the country theme of the Download N Go™ Series, your child will be developing a natural appreciation of all of God’s creation, one country at a time.

We will be investigating:

- Where on earth is Ireland?
- Some of the places in Ireland.
- Animals of Ireland.
- Cool things to know about Ireland.
- Fun and games in Ireland.

Welcome to our newest expedition; Ireland, here we come!

Note to parents: Remember that Internet site content can change overnight. Please check the sites that you plan to use before your child visits them in the study.



Introduction to Lapbooking

By Stephanie Ruby

Have you ever created a lapbook with your child? The lapbooking activities we have designed are made to be easy enough for a beginner, but “meaty” enough for children who have been lapbooking for a long time.

There are only a few items that you need to provide to go along with the activities we have created. You will need a file folder, folded so that the outside edges meet in the middle, creating a “shutter book.” You will also need scissors, glue, crayons, a stapler, and brass brads.

You may want to save each activity in an envelope until the entire week is complete and then attach everything to the lapbook on the fifth day. This will allow you to arrange all of the mini books so that they fit well. This is not a necessity, mind you, but simply a recommendation that might allow the process to flow a bit more smoothly.

If you have never created a lapbook before, you may feel a bit intimidated by the process. Take a deep breath and remember that there is no “wrong” way to lapbook. The process of lapbooking will vary from one person to the next, and will be a reflection of the individual that created the project.

For those of you who still feel that you need a little more guidance, we have included the following links to introduce the concept of lapbooking to you and to give you a variety of ideas for your project. Just remember, the most important part of lapbooking is to have fun with it. The more you and your children enjoy the activity, the more they will retain.

<http://www.downloadngo.com/Videos/IntroLapbook2.php>

<http://www.homeschoolingonashoestring.com/lapbooks.html>

http://www.homeschoolshare.com/lapbooking_resources.php

<http://www.lapbooklessons.com>

Now, let’s get on with the fun!



Day 1

Where on Earth Is Ireland?

Today you are going to learn about Ireland—where it is on the globe and about its animals and geography. First, we are going to start today with two video clips:

Video: [Flying Over Ireland](#)

Video: [The Land of Ireland](#)

Where is Ireland? *Find it on a world map or globe. Color Ireland **green** on the [world map](#).*

[World Atlas—Ireland](#)

What is the capital of Ireland? *Write your answer below.*

[Ireland](#)

[Ireland](#)

The capital of Ireland is

_____.

Mark the capital city on your [map of Ireland](#).

[Map of Ireland](#)



Geographic Feature of the Day: Giant's Causeway

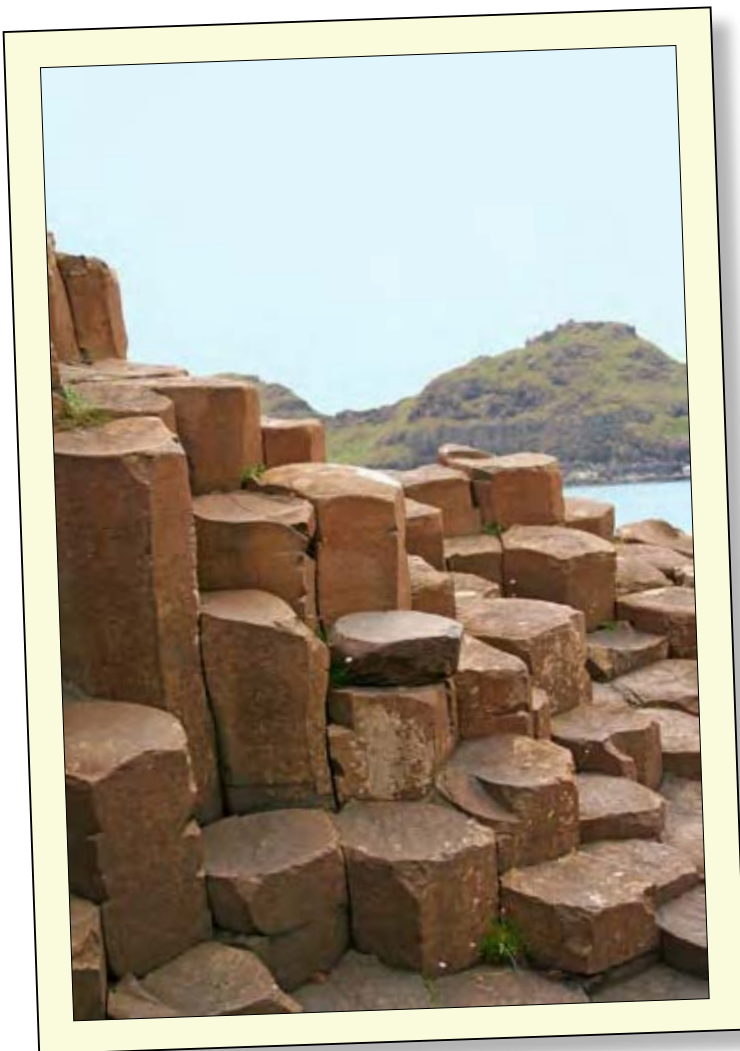
Video: [The Giant's Causeway](#)

Video: [The Giant's Causeway \(National Geographic\)](#)

[The Giant's Causeway](#)

[The Giant's Causeway Coast](#)

What do you think is the coolest thing about the Giant's Causeway?



Where is the Giant's Causeway located in Ireland?

Find it on the map here, and then mark it on your [map of Ireland](#).

[Map to the Giant's Causeway](#)



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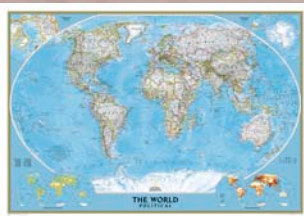
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