

**Text: Harcourt's "Horizons: People and Communities"**

Third grade Social Studies teaches students about the economy, communities focusing on the students' local community, geography, American culture, and map skills. Students learn where they live in the world, what makes their community special, and what characteristics all communities share. Through this study students see that God has provided a world with leaders and rules to help govern us and keep us safe and that there are set, accepted ways to effect positive change within a community. Students also learn about citizenship and what it means to be a good citizen. Bible character traits are emphasized as an integral part in making any community a good place for people to live.