

## **Map 31**

### **Our World – 74 Million Years Ago**

Map 31 demonstrates the continents as they were 74 million years ago. Around this time the Earth warmed. When the Earth warmed it melted the Arctic Ocean and made it open sea. Now, with this huge surplus of water the sea level rose dramatically. On the map you will see colored and white areas. These colored areas are the continents above the surface of the sea and the white colored areas are the pieces of continents under the surface of the sea. The rise in water was very significant, separating South America from North America and dividing many continents into many islands.

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