## Race to the Backyard!

This game is for two to four players
Goal: Be the first animal to make it to the backyard!

## You will need:

- Printed or drawn animal cards
- Printed or written direction cards
- Printed or drawn game board
- Dice



## How to play:

- Each player chooses an animal to play with and places it on "Start." Place the direction cards in a pile facing down.
- The youngest player goes first. Pick a card from the direction card pile and roll the dice.
- Move your animal from "Start" following the direction and moving the number rolled. For example, if the direction card is "right" and a 3 is rolled, the player would move their piece to the right three spaces.
- A player can only move if they are in a place that allows the direction. For example, if there are no spaces to the left, the player can not move.
- If you land on a space that has a ladder, you must follow it up to the indicated space. If you land on a space that has a slide, you must follow it down to the indicated space.


For children who haven't grasped the idea of diagonal, left or right, help them by showing what direction they can go.

| Left | Right | Down | Up | Backwards |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Diagonal | Diagonal | Diagonal | Diagonal | Left |
| Left | Right | Down | Up $\Lambda$ $T$ | Backwards |
|  | Down | Up - | Backwards |  |
| Left | Right | Down | Up | Backwards |

