# The Parent Resource Centre presents a Storywalk® guide for

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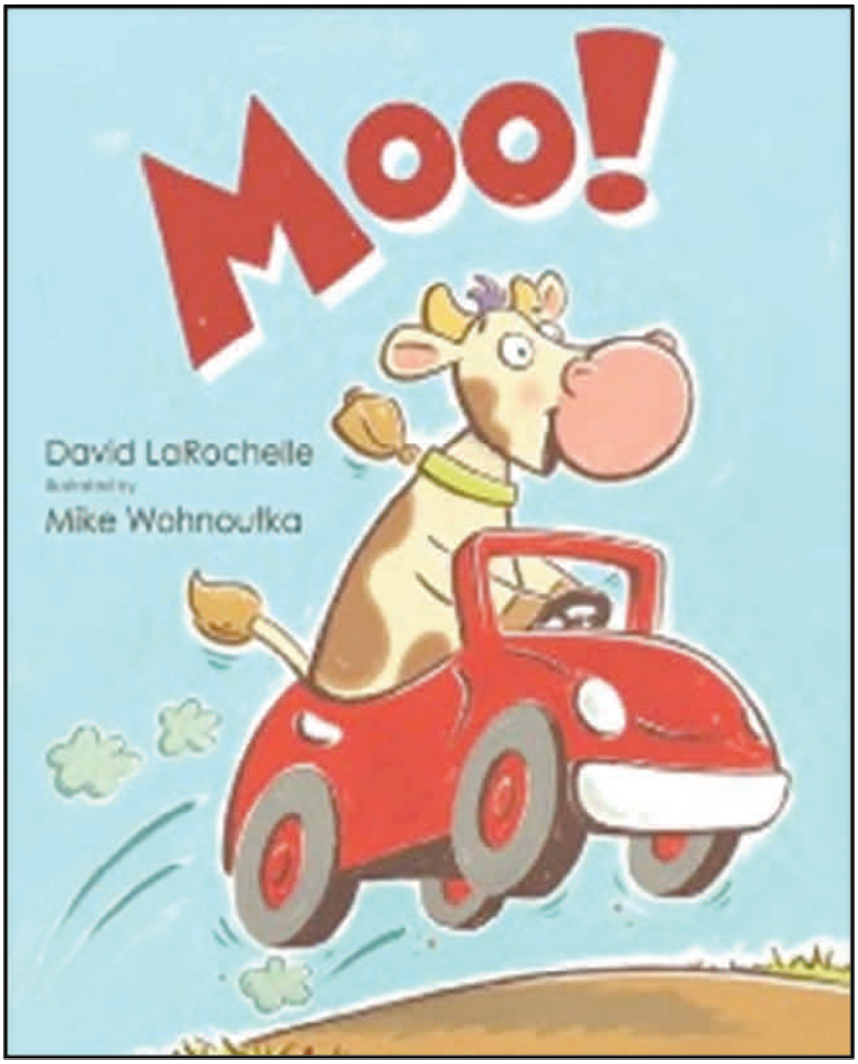


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# What is a *StoryWalk*® ?

A *StoryWalk*® is an opportunity for children and families to experience reading a book while walking through a chosen area such as a park, trail or neighborhood. *StoryWalks*® promote literacy, outdoor physical activity, and encourage parent and community involvement.

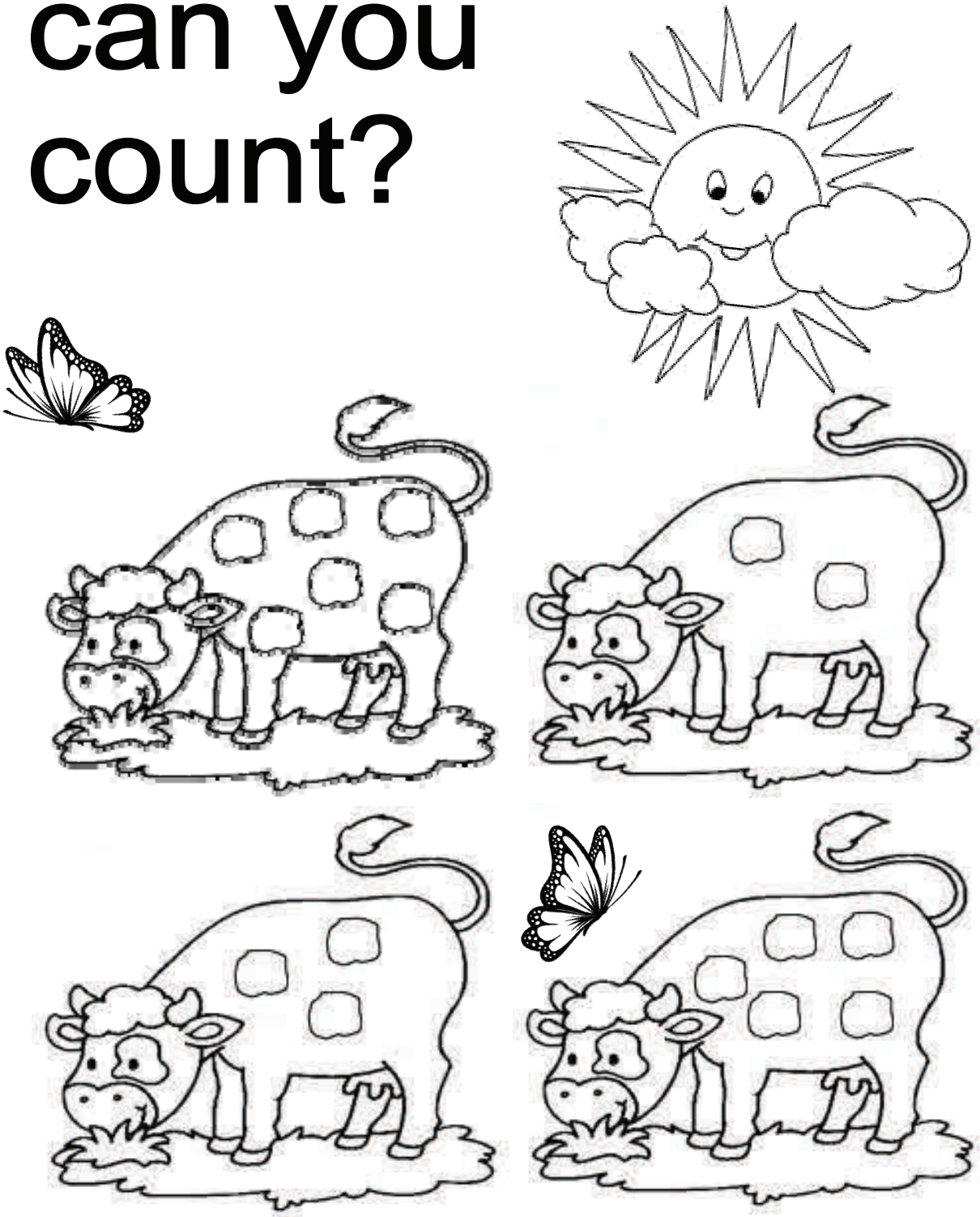
Along with a parent, caregiver or educator, children follow a path from one laminated poster board to the next, each containing one page of a children's picture book. Some *StoryWalks*® include collecting items along the way, or a snack or activity related to the story.

There may be a common theme between the story and the season or the location where the walk takes place, encouraging children to make connections between the text and the world around them. The boards tell a story and provide prompts for adults to guide discussions, and help children engage in the text by asking questions and making predictions.

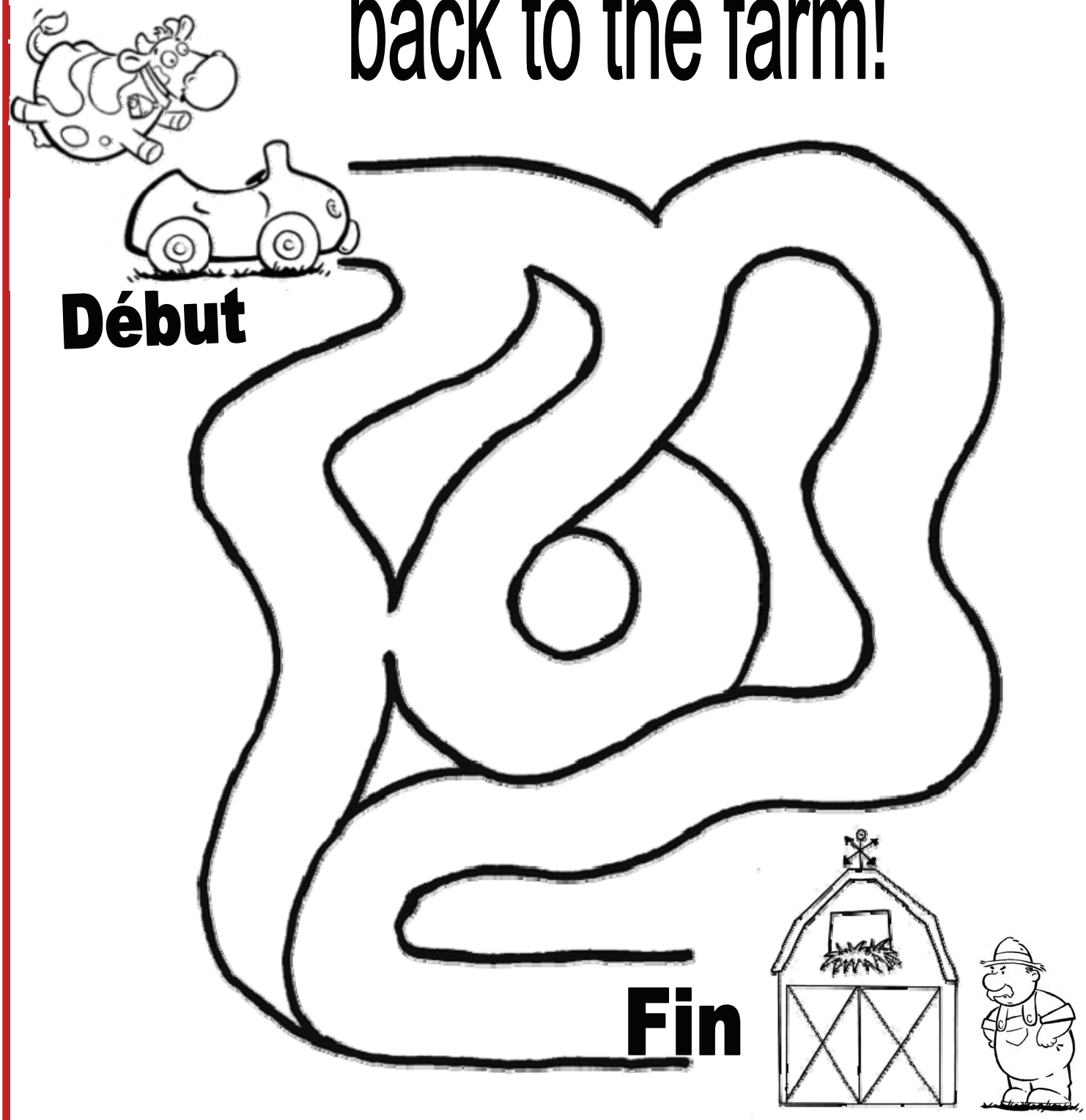
The Parent Resource Centre has a collection of books available for community partners to borrow, free of charge. For more information on book titles and availability, contact an Early Literacy Specialist at the Parent Resource Centre at (613) 565-2467 or visit www.parentresource.ca

**Scan the Q code for more information or to link to our website**

# How many spots can you count?

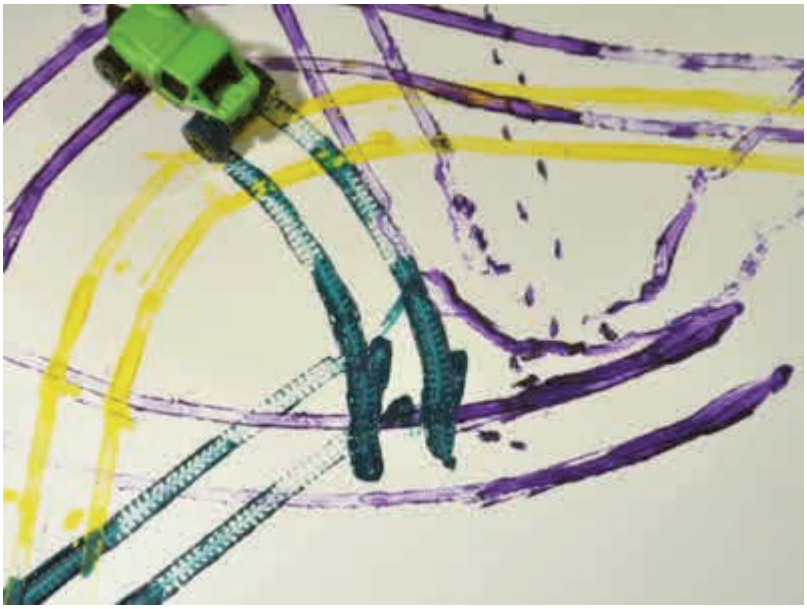


# Help the cow find its way back to the farm!



# Lets paint!

Spend some quality time with your child by painting in a creative way! All you need is a piece of white construction paper, different colors of paint and a toy car. This activity will allow your child to explore colors using the paints and textures with the shape of the wheels on the toy car. While exploring and creating with these objects and paints, your child will also develop his sense of creativity. Don’t forget to join the fun and be present in your child’s learning process.



# Getting ready to read

## Talking

Talking with children helps them learn oral language more quickly, one of the most critical early literacy skills. The experience of self expression also stimulates brain development, which supports all learning.

## Singing

Singing (which also includes rhyming) increases children's awareness and sensitivity to the sounds in words. This helps prepare children to decode print (written language).

## Playing

Play is one of the primary ways young children learn about the world around them. General knowledge is an important literacy skill that helps children understand stories once they begin to read.

## Reading

Reading together or shared reading, remains the single most effective way to help children become proficient readers.

## Writing

Writing and reading go hand in hand. Writing helps children learn that letters and words represent sounds and that print has meaning.

15 Minutes of Fun
Take 15 minutes a day to learn with your family.

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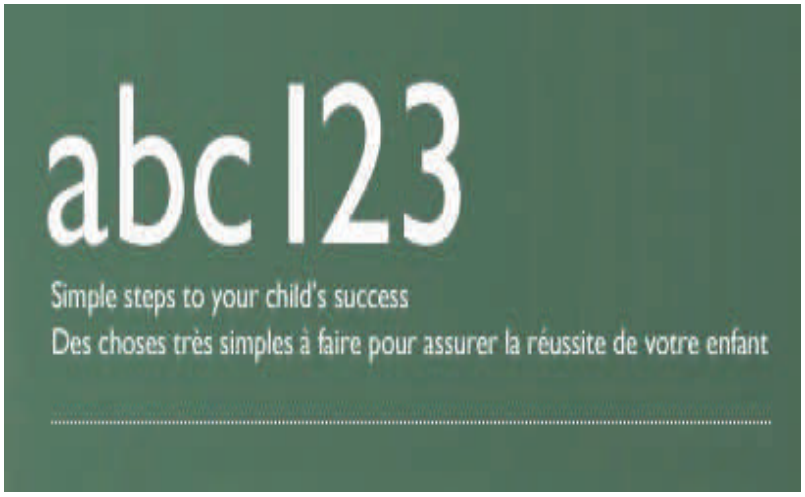
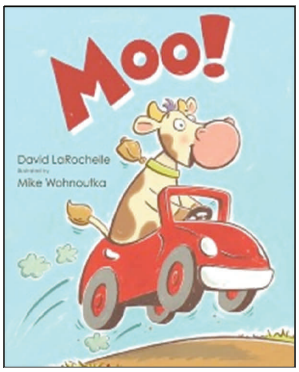
# Can you tell me what emotions you see?




For more information about Mou!'s author and activities to do after reading the story, visit:
**www.davidlarochelle.net**

Visit your local Ottawa Public Library to borrow a book or attend a free circle time.

You can also download audio books from the library website at **www.biblioottawalibrary.ca**

Visit your local **Ontario Early Years Centre** to find out more about parenting and community programs. These centres have activities for both parents and caregivers and children up to age six.

For more information and locations see:
**www.ontarioearlyyears.ca**

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