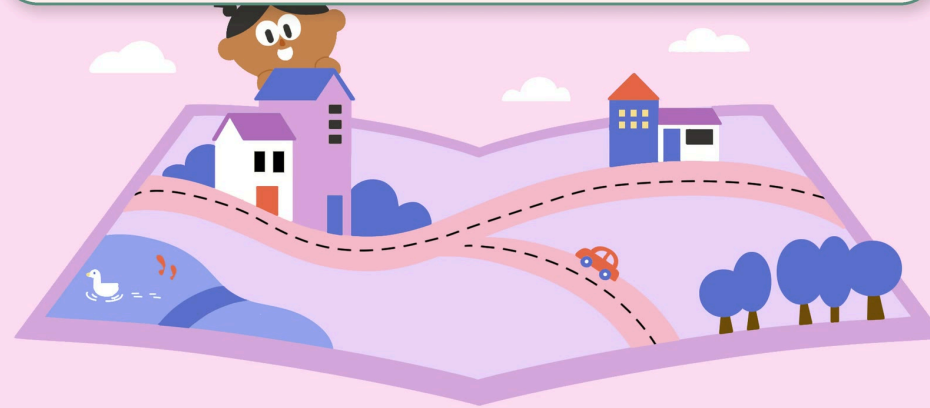




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Follow the route your child remembers around home and record their directions in a simple map.

Helps Your Child Grow



Memory

Drawing a neighborhood map asks your child to recall familiar places and the route that connects them.



Communicating and Speaking

Talking about directions, routes, and events along the way gives your child practice describing a familiar journey.



What You'll Need



Paper

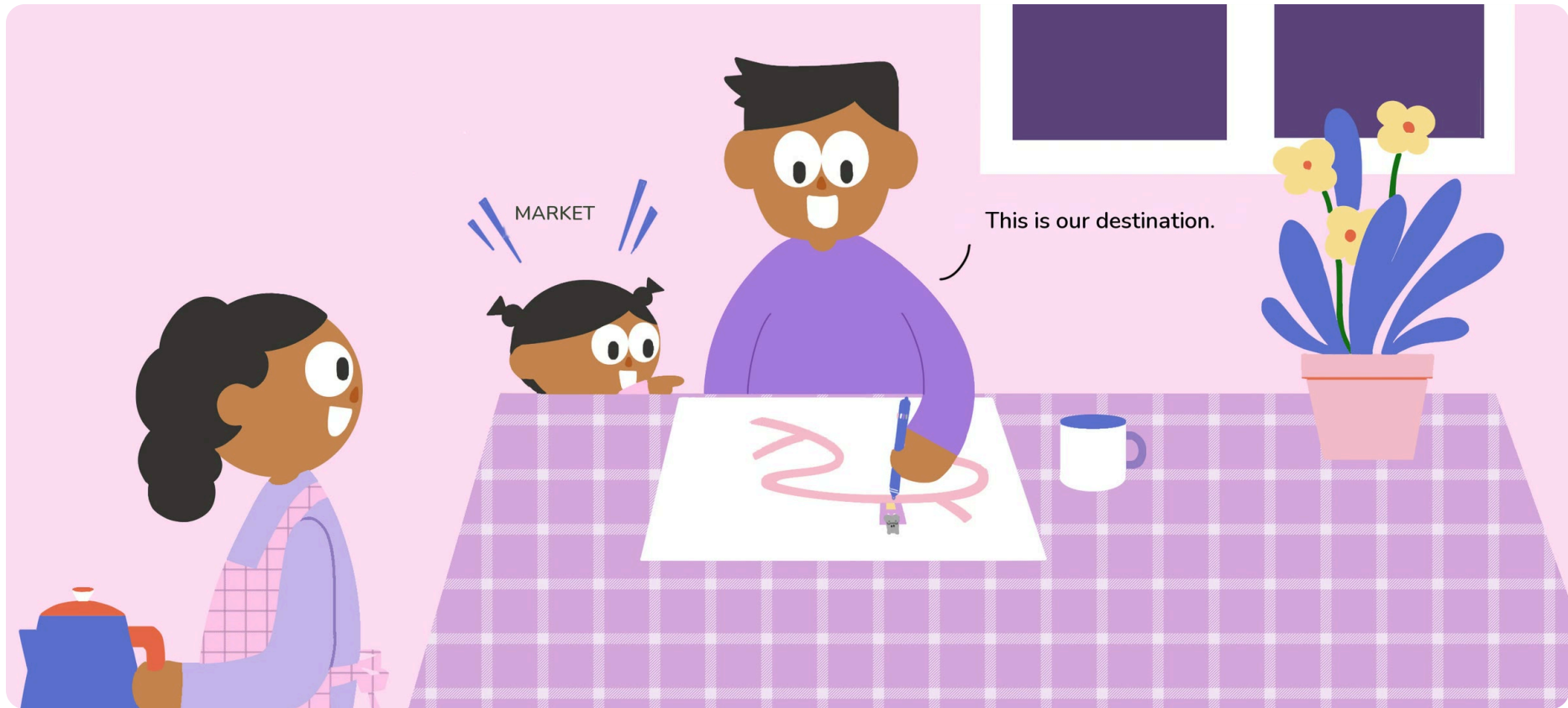


Pen

What You'll Need

1. Paper

2. a drawing tool



Draw the Map

Start a simple map of the area around home. Ask your child to name nearby places and show where they belong while you add them to the map.

Observations

- Recalls places near home and names them, such as a supermarket or park
- Talks about what a place is used for or shares an experience or story about it

Tips

- Use place stickers or familiar photos to represent each location your child points out on the map.
- Prompt your child to recall landmarks from regular walks and which way you travel after passing each one.



Let Your Child Lead the Tour

Let your child choose a destination. At each turn or intersection, ask which way to go and follow their direction.

Observations

- Indicates which way to go by pointing or saying, “Go this way.”
- Chooses which direction to travel

Tips

- Acknowledge your child’s directions and follow the route they choose.
- If your child becomes tired, carry them and let them stay in the commander role, pointing an arm in the direction to travel.



Follow the Route Again

At the destination, open the map and trace the route from home. Add marks as you recall what happened and which directions your child chose. Invite them to add their own lines or symbols.

Observations

- Recalls a turn or route at an intersection and describes it with words or gestures
- Holds a drawing tool and draws a route on the paper

Tips

- When your child recalls a turn or something that happened, build on it: “That’s right - you led us this way. This is the left side.”
- Help your child remember a turn: “At this intersection, which way did we go to the park - left or right?” Point both ways as you ask.
- Bring the map on later walks and outings too.