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# Jordan's Principle

Children and youth across Canada honour Jordan River Anderson from Norway House Cree Nation and explain his incredible legacy.



Jordan's Principle is a legal rule named in memory of a very special little boy named Jordan River Anderson. Jordan's Principle makes sure that when a First Nations child needs services they get them right away. This applies to all services: including health care, education, and child welfare, and to all First Nations children, on or off reserve.

Video in English: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RatzhHmFd-M>



Le Principe de Jordan est une règle juridique nommée en mémoire d'un petit garçon très spécial nommé Jordan River Anderson. Le Principe de Jordan permet d'assurer qu'un enfant des Premières Nations reçoit immédiatement les services dont il a besoin. Cela s'applique à tous les services, y compris les soins de santé, l'éducation et la protection de l'enfance, et cela, pour tous les enfants des Premières Nations, sur ou hors réserve.

Vidéo en français: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mzy4Afj7YYE>



## **JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE.**

**JORDAN WAS A KID WHO SPENT HIS LIFE IN A HOSPITAL.**

**JORDAN WAS TWO WHEN HE WAS ABLE TO GO HOME. BUT NO ONE WOULD PAY FOR HIM TO HAVE HOSPITAL CARE. THE GOVERNMENTS WERE FIGHTING FOR THREE YEARS!!**

**IN 2005, WHEN JORDAN WAS FIVE, HE DIED IN THE HOSPITAL HAVING NEVER SPENT A DAY AT HOME.**

**IN 2007 CINDY BLACKSTOCK TOOK THE GOVERNMENTS TO COURT.**

**AFTER SEVEN YEARS CINDY WON!!! JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE IS NOW A LEGAL RULE THAT THE GOVERNMENTS HAVE TO FOLLOW BUT THEY DON'T FOLLOW IT FULLY.**

**WE WANT TO HELP PEOPLE UNDERSTAND WHAT JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE IS AND MAKE IT CLEAR TO THE PEOPLE WHO DON'T UNDERSTAND WHAT JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE IS.**

**THANK YOU FOR WATCHING!!! WE ALL UNDERSTAND, WE HOPE YOU DO TOO.**

**SIGNED,**

**THE KIDS IN ROOM 114 MS. HOWELL'S CLASS.**

**THANK YOU!**

*Bella, age 10*

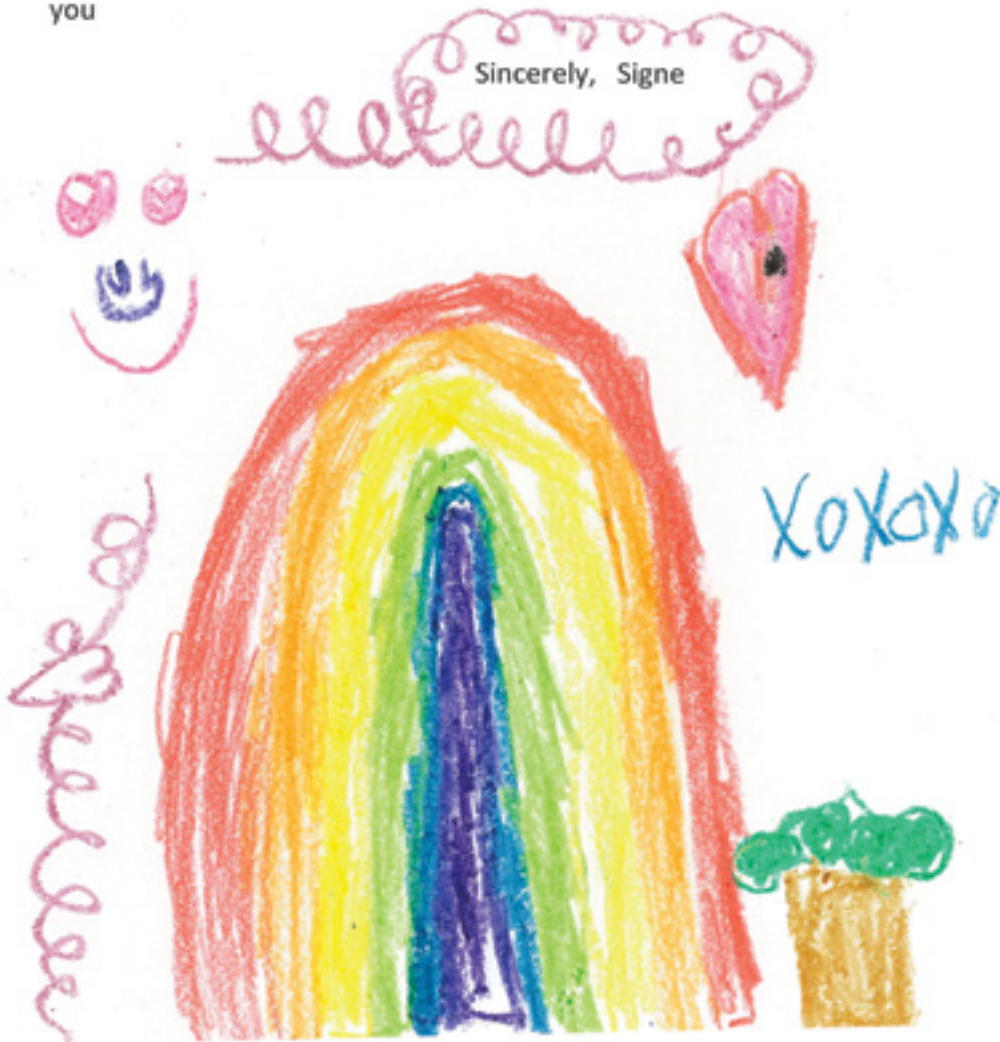


Kyra, age 10

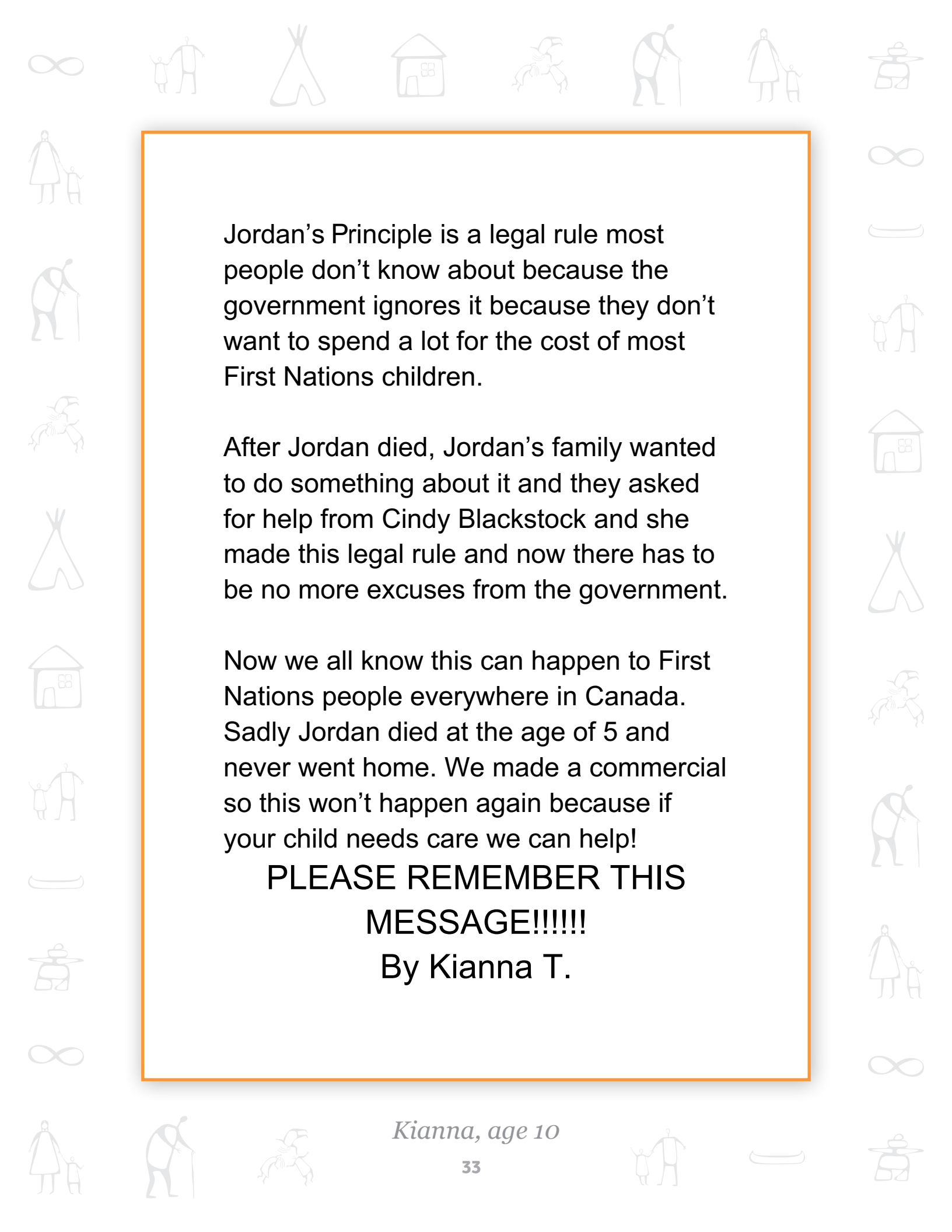
Dear Everyone,

Hi my name is Signe. I am 9 years old. I go to Lady Evelyn School. In my class we were talking about equity for First Nations, Inuit and Metis people. We do "Have a Heart Day" once a year to send the word across Canada. If Canadians know about this hopefully they will want to stop this unfairness. Jordan's Principle is a reminder to everyone to give equity by listening to everyone even if they have different beliefs then you

Sincerely, Signe



Signe, age 9



Jordan's Principle is a legal rule most people don't know about because the government ignores it because they don't want to spend a lot for the cost of most First Nations children.

After Jordan died, Jordan's family wanted to do something about it and they asked for help from Cindy Blackstock and she made this legal rule and now there has to be no more excuses from the government.

Now we all know this can happen to First Nations people everywhere in Canada. Sadly Jordan died at the age of 5 and never went home. We made a commercial so this won't happen again because if your child needs care we can help!

**PLEASE REMEMBER THIS  
MESSAGE!!!!!!**

**By Kianna T.**

*Kianna, age 10*

# Jordan's Principle By Skyler

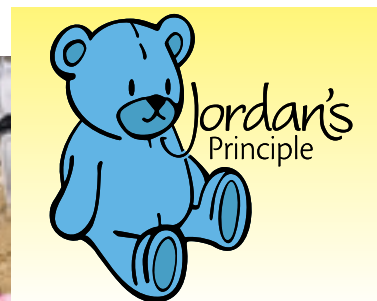
**What is Jordan's Principle:** Jordan's Principle is a rule that kids should get what they need when they need it.

**Who is Jordan:** Jordan was a boy with a health condition in Winnipeg. He was From Norway House Cree Nation.

**When did this happen:** Jordan was born in 1999 and died in 2004. When the federal government and provincial government were arguing about who should pay for his home care. And Jordan died waiting. He never got to go home because of the arguing.

**Where:** Norway House Cree Nation - Winnipeg hospital Manitoba

**Why:** Kids deserve to stay healthy in their home/end racism



*Skyler, age 11*



## JORDAN'S PRINCIPLE

Jordan's Principle is a law that a lot of people don't know. It is a law that says, children have equal rights to get help when they are sick whether you are First Nations or not.

Jordan was born in the hospital in Winnipeg, Manitoba with a severe condition. He spent more than two years in the hospital until the doctors said he could go home and spend time with his family. But no one would pay for his hospital care because the provincial and the federal governments were arguing who should pay his home care. But unfortunately, Jordan died after three years.

So, Cindy Blackstock took the Government to court. It took her 7 years to win the court battles. And that's when Jordan's Principle became a law to end discrimination and racism. And likewise, children deserve to grow up healthy in their homes with their families.

*Lyndon, age 10*

## Jordan's Principle

Jordan's Principle is a legal rule where if a First Nations child needs health care, they will get it immediately.

Jordan is a boy who had to stay in the hospital for two years until he got the ok that he could go home, but he needed health care at home but the provincial government said that he's First Nation so the federal government has to pay for the care. But the federal government said well he was born here so you have to pay, and they argued for 3 years until Jordan died.

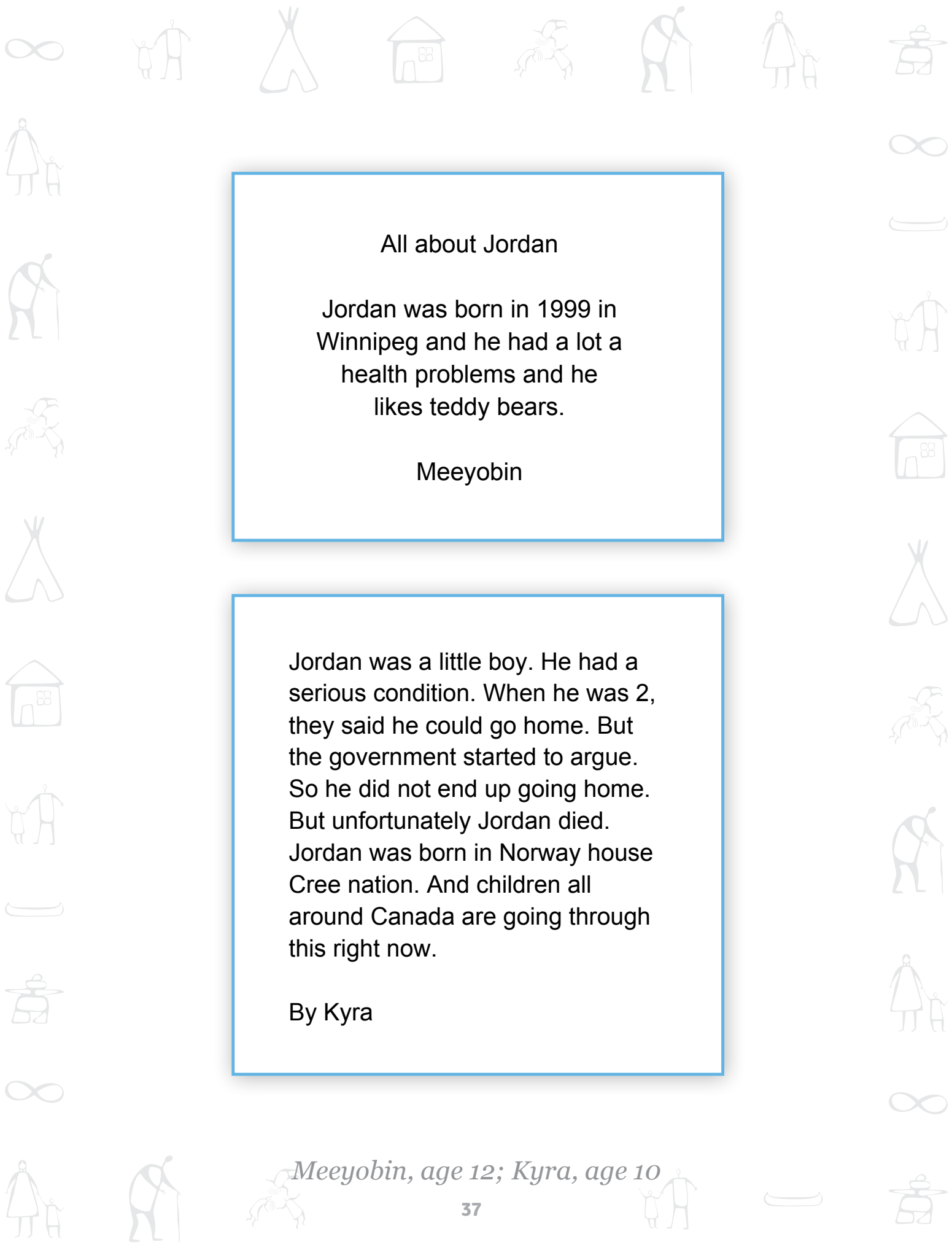
Jordan was born in 1999 and died in 2004

Jordan was born in a hospital in Winnipeg, where he had to stay for 5 years.

Kids like Jordan deserve to not stay in the hospital like Jordan did, the rule is that the government asked first is the one who has to pay, if the federal government and the provincial government want to argue after they can.

By: Max

*Max, age 10*



### All about Jordan

Jordan was born in 1999 in Winnipeg and he had a lot a health problems and he likes teddy bears.

Meeyobin

Jordan was a little boy. He had a serious condition. When he was 2, they said he could go home. But the government started to argue. So he did not end up going home. But unfortunately Jordan died. Jordan was born in Norway house Cree nation. And children all around Canada are going through this right now.

By Kyra

*Meeyobin, age 12; Kyra, age 10*



Dear Prime Minister Justin Trudeau,

The government is not fair to First Nations kids because all children deserve to get equal rights to receive proper health care. The reason why Jordan's Principle is so important is because this is a very important subject to know.

Jordan's Principle is about treating all children with equality. All children should have the opportunity to be equal. First Nations children who cannot get services because of the government of Canada was fighting with the provincial government. Jordan lived in the hospital for five years he was supposed to go home at two years old on his fifth birthday he died he never got to go home never got to go outside.

Put kids first.  
It is a law.

By megan

*Megan, age 12*