

## **Keeping a Promise**

One day a little boy begged his mother to allow him go to the market. He said he had done his chores as he had been told to do. She told him that shopping at the market was a job for grown-ups, not little boys. She made her way on the path towards the market and he followed her. "Please, please, please can I go to the market" he begged. Annoyed at him, his mother made him a promise. "If you will go home right now I promise that when I return, we will kill the pig for you and have a grand feast for dinner tonight." "Ahhh, thank you" he cried "and I promise that I will be a good boy." He turned around and ran back home. When the mother returned from the market she was horrified to see her husband preparing to kill the pig. "No" she shouted, "do not kill the pig! I just promised him we would kill the pig so that he would go home." Her husband said "you promised our son that we would kill the pig. A promise is important and so is trust. If we want our son to grow up being honest and trustworthy we must show him the way by our actions. Our son learns about life by watching how we live."