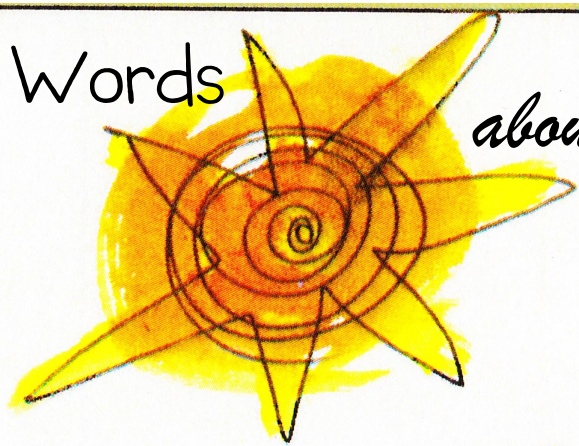


Jackal's Nasty Words



about saying sorry and forgiving

Original Children's stories
from Africa

all about things that matter



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Teach and Learn Stories

A guide for Parents, Grandparents
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life skills including
love, kindness,
compassion and respect



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What does it say?

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Proudly South African

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Now Jackal was a crafty fellow
There he was all black
brown and yellow

He'd sneak about
and listen in on
Weasel around
and find something
to pin on
anyone he could

He'd go from one to the next
telling nasty tales



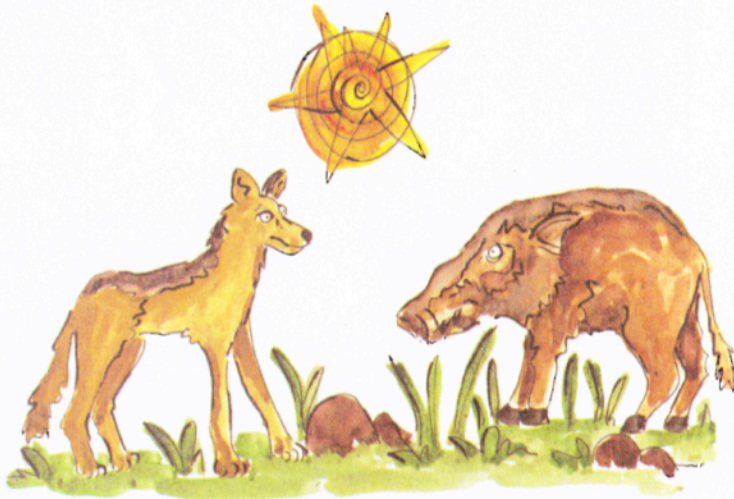
Like how lion had such
dirty nails



And how porcupine
had no spine

He'd say nasty things behind their backs
always making sure
that he covered his tracks

And so one day...
Jackal began talking
to bushpig
about tortoise's walking



"Have you seen her" Jackal said
"Moves her feet, but not her head"

"Isn't her walk so without style"
"To get anywhere takes such a long while"

And Bushpig just nodded
but didn't feel good
and tried not to listen
as much as he could

But really he should just have said

"STOP!"

"I don't want to listen anymore
to your chatter"
"Talking about others
it really does matter"

"I WON'T talk about others
it doesn't make me feel good"
"I DON'T think it's kind
and I don't think that you should"



But he didn't say that
instead he just sat

Then Jackal spoke to Tortoise
about Bushpig



"With so little hair he
he needs a bush wig"

Oh how Jackal would laugh
and cackle and snigger
about how bushpig's tusks
should be a lot bigger

And Tortoise just nodded
but didn't feel good
and tried not to listen
as much as she could

But really she should just have said
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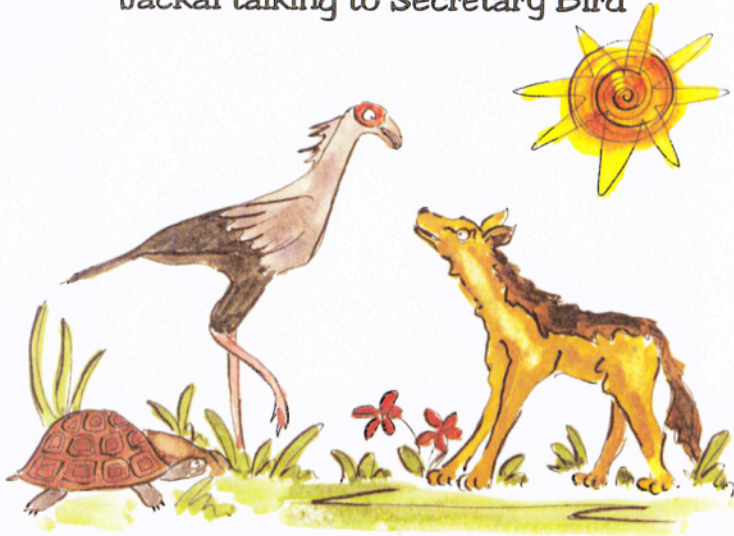


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Then one day
Tortoise overheard
Jackal talking to Secretary Bird

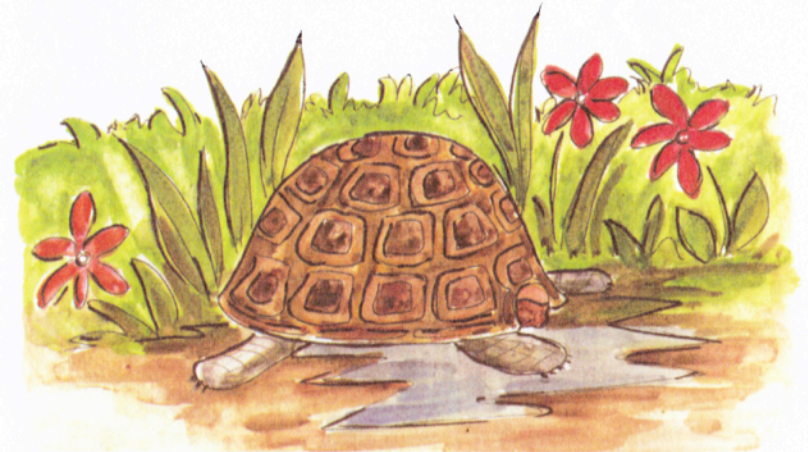


"Have you seen Tortoise"
Jackal said

"Ha, ha, moves her feet, but not her head"
"Ha, ha, she can't even walk a straight line"
"She doesn't have fast legs like mine"

Tortoise listened to Jackal talk
All about her funny walk
Tortoise's heart began to hurt badly
She tucked herself into her shell
and cried sadly

And so Bushpig found her
A wet patch around her



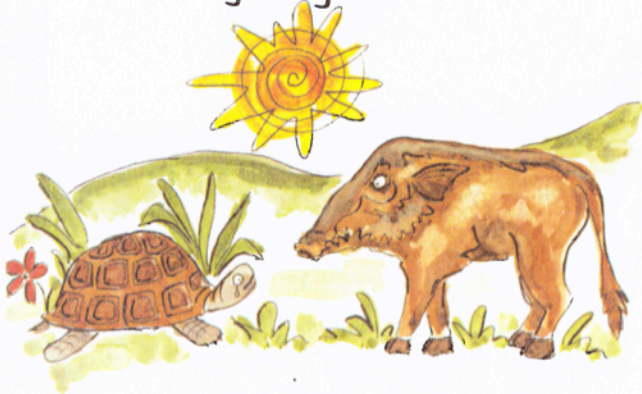
"What is the matter?"
He asked in concern

And so Bushpig was to learn
All about what Jackal had said
About the walk, the small tusks
and bald head

"Oh that nasty Jackal!" Bushpig exclaimed
"He's so nasty and rude"
"He should be ashamed!"

"To talk about others in such a bad way
I wish I'd not listened to what he'd to say"

"I'm sorry I did, please forgive me
Listening to nastiness is wrong
you agree?"

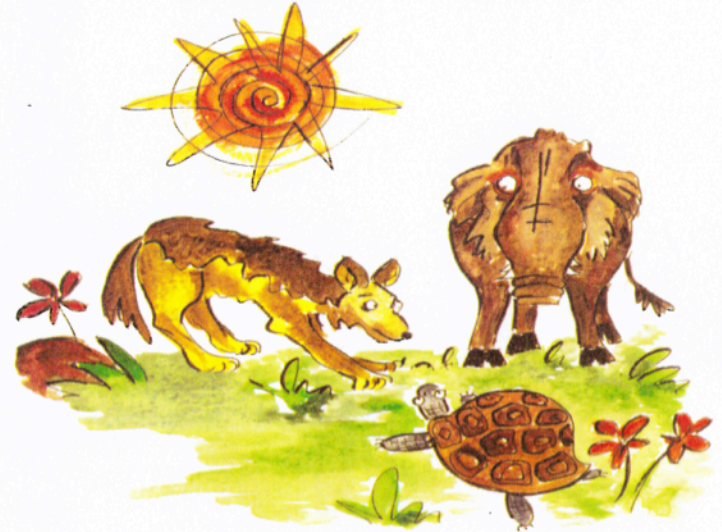


Said Tortoise
"That is very true
I'm sorry Bushpig, I listened too"
"Oh dear, oh dear, what shall we do?"

Said Bushpig
"My dear friend
I wish I knew"

But they didn't notice that Jackal was near
Listening in with his fine tuned ear
And as he heard what they were saying
He realised the game he'd been playing

He realised that it was bad
To say the nasty things he had

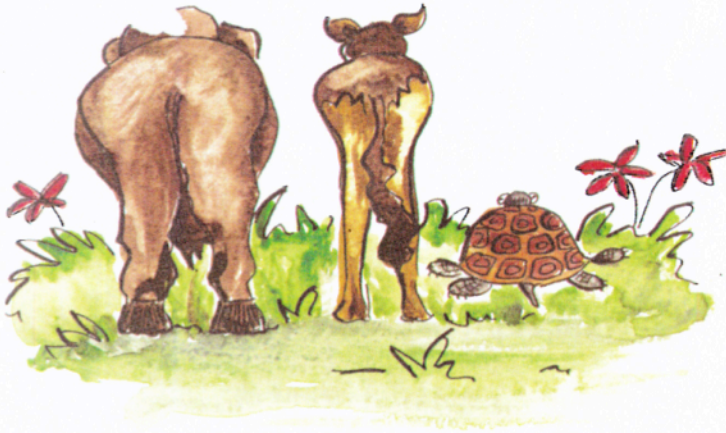


He went right over to Tortoise and said
"Please, don't worry"
"I overheard you and I am sorry"

"To talk about others is wrong
now I see
Please, please, please forgive me"

Tortoise waited a moment in thought
Had a lesson really been taught?
Then it came uncontrollably
"You are forgiven"
She said nobly

Then Jackal turned to Bushpig
to ask the same
Bushpig saw clearly
Jackals shame
"Yes, I forgive you"
Bushpig said at last
"Now let us all forget the past"



Said Jackal
"I would like to make amends"
"From now on can we all be friends?"

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Footnote:
In the African bush, the Jackal is a notorious
thief. Cunning and clever,
he will sneak about and steal food
right out from under the lions nose.
He always seems to know
exactly what is going on in the African bush.