The Bad Little Kangaroo
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Parts(5): Narrator 1  Narrator 2  Narrator 3  Mr. Kangaroo  Mrs. Kangaroo

Narrator 1: There was once a small kangaroo who was bad in school.

Narrator 2: He put thumbtacks on the teacher's chair.

Narrator 3: He set off firecrackers in the lavatory and spread blue on the doorknobs.

Principal: Your behavior is impossible! I am going to see your parents. I will tell them what a problem you are.

Narrator 1: said the principal, who went to see Mr. and Mrs. Kangaroo.

Narrator 2: He sat down in a living room chair.

Principal: Ouch! There's a thumbtack in this chair.

Narrator 3: cried the Principal.

Mr. Kangaroo: Yes, I know.

Narrator 1: said Mr. Kangaroo

Mr. Kangaroo: I enjoy putting thumbtacks in chairs.

Narrator 2: A spitball hit the principal on the nose.

Mrs. Kangaroo: Forgive me. But I can never resist throwing those things.

Narrator 3: said Mrs. Kangaroo.

Narrator 1: There was a loud booming sound from the bathroom.

Mr. Kangaroo: Keep calm.

Narrator 2: said Mr. Kangaroo to the principal.

Mr. Kangaroo: The firecrackers that we keep in the medicine chest have just exploded. We love the noise.

Narrator 3: The principal rushed for the front door. In an instant he was stuck to the doorknob.

Mrs Kangaroo: Pull hard. There are little globs of glue on all of our doorknobs.

Narrator 1: said Mrs. Kangaroo.

Narrator 2: The principal pulled himself free. He dashed out of the house and ran off down the street.
Mr. Kangaroo: Such a nice person!

Narrator 3: said Mr. Kangaroo.

Mr. Kangaroo: I wonder why he left so quickly.

Narrator 1: Mrs. Kangaroo said,

Mrs. Kangaroo: No doubt he had another appointment. Never mind. Supper is ready.

Narrator 2: Mr. and Mrs. Kangaroo and their son enjoyed their evening meal. After the dessert, they all threw spitballs at each other across the dining-room table.

Narrator 1, 2, 3 (together) Moral: A child's conduct will reflect the ways of its parents.