

## The Stingray

It was a very hot day on the beach. The sun was high in the sky. The birds were flying all around. Children were playing in the sand and swimming in the ocean. An older man was fishing from the shore. He cast his line far out into the ocean. A few minutes later, his fishing pole was bending. He wondered just what kind of big fish he had caught. He knew it was big because his pole looked like it might break in half.

He pulled on his line. And after about fifteen minutes, he finally reeled in his catch. Everyone on the beach ran over to see what kind of fish he had caught. It was not a fish but a giant stingray. “I have never caught a stingray. And I have been fishing in this spot for many years”, he told a young boy. The boy asked the man if he was going to eat the stingray for dinner. “Oh, no!” the man said, “he is going back to his home.” And the man cut his line with a knife, and the stingray swam out to sea.