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“Today is the big day!” said June. She looked at Little Pig, “You are going to the State Fair.”



June took out a brush.
She brushed Little Pig until
her coat shined. Then she tied
a bow on her head.



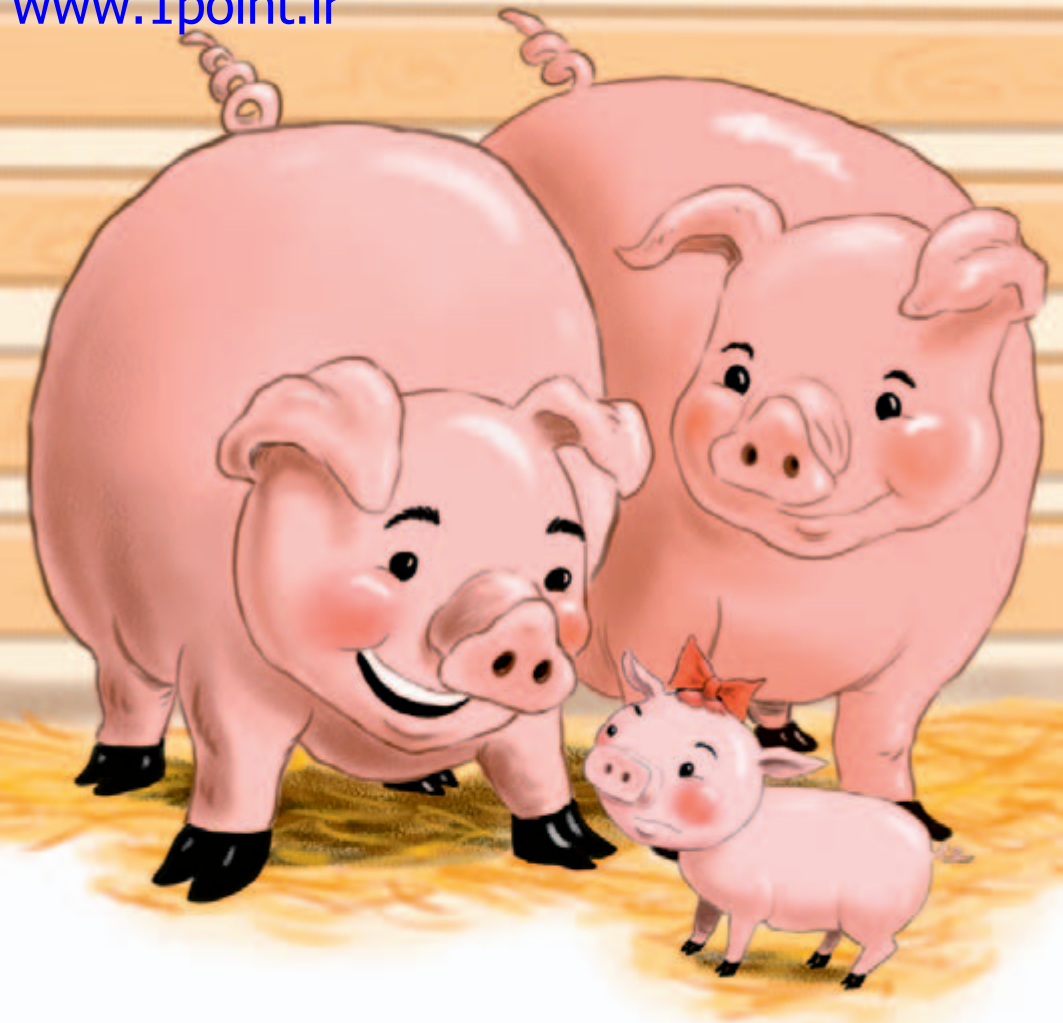
“You look so cute. I am sure you will win first prize at the fair,” said June.



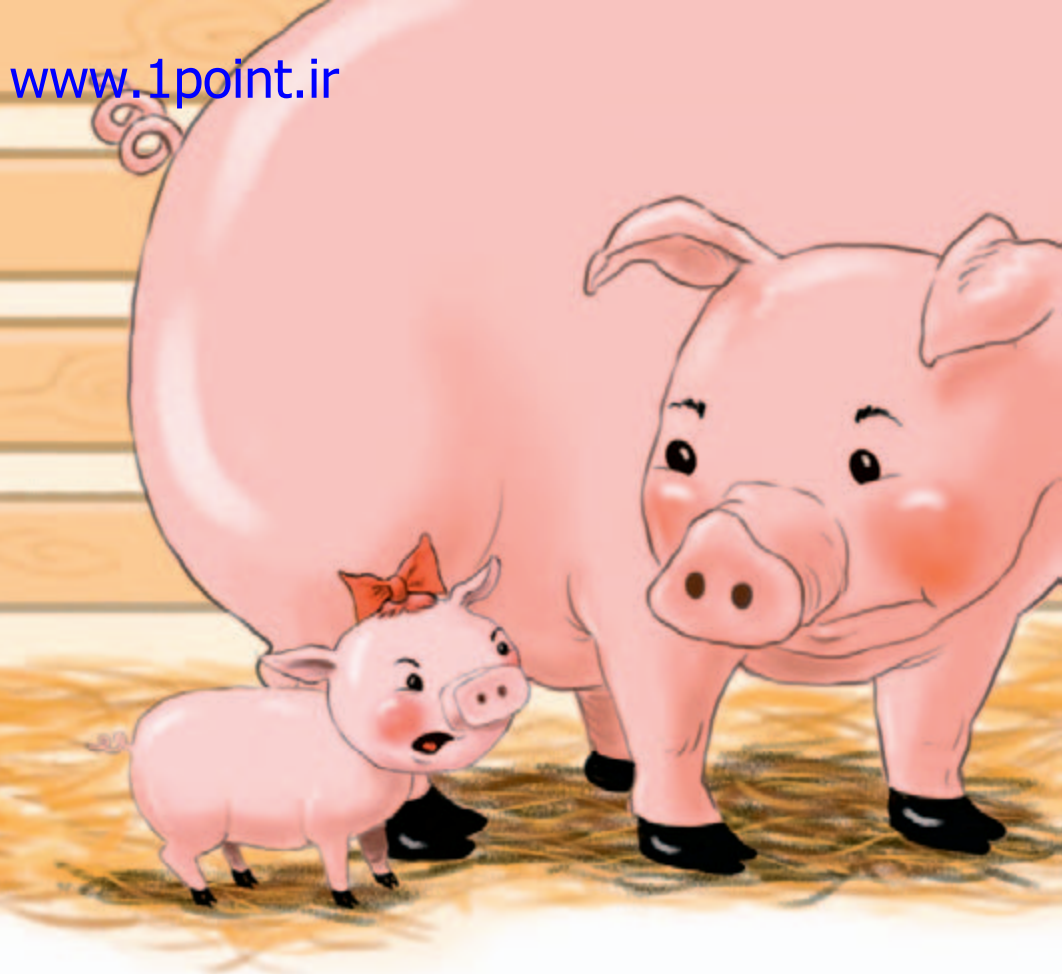
June brought Little Pig to the fair. She sang a little tune on the way. “I hope you win the prize,” she said.



At the fair, June saw many pigs. Most of them were huge! She put Little Pig in the pen with the huge pigs.



▶ A few of the pigs looked at Little Pig. “You are cute,” said Big Pig, “but you are too small to win.”



▶▶ “You are rude,” Little Pig said. “Why do you think you will win?”

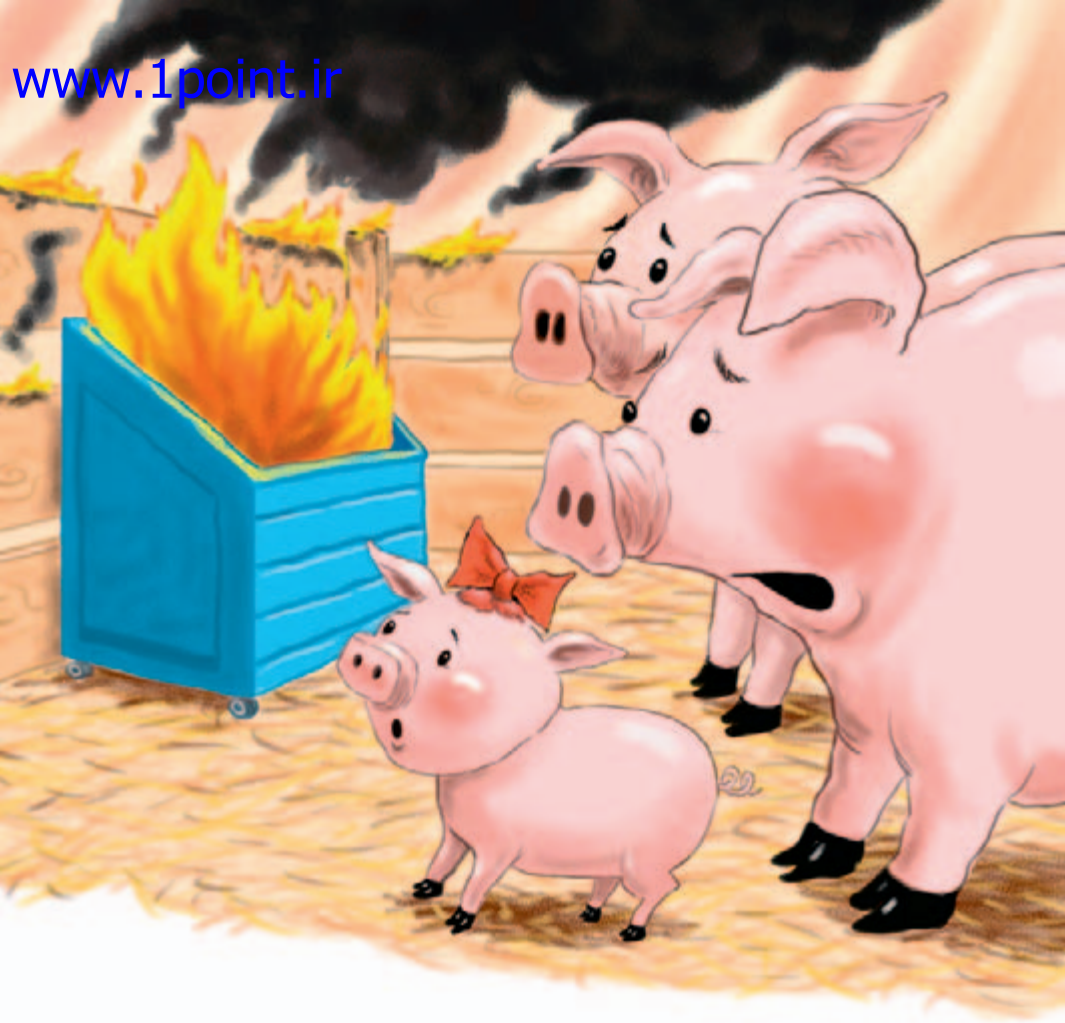
▶▶ Big Pig laughed. “The biggest pigs always win the prize.”



▶ A boy looked at Little Pig.
“That pig is cute,” he said.
“But she will never win. I read
that the big pigs always win
the prize.”



▶ When June went to get a drink, Little Pig smelled smoke. “Oh my,” she thought, “There must be a fire.”



|| Then Big Pig saw the fire.
“What will we do?” she cried.
“We are trapped!” The huge
pigs started to squeal.



Little Pig looked around. She was so small, she could wiggle out. So Little Pig went right under the pigpen!



Little Pig rang the fire alarm. Smoke and fumes spilled out of the pen.



▶ A fire truck came. The firefighters shot water out of a large hose. Soon the fire was out. The big pigs were unharmed.








June ran up to Little Pig.
“I’m glad you are safe!”
she said.



The big pigs cheered.
“Little Pig, you saved us all!”





Later, Big Pig won first prize, but he gave it to Little Pig. “You are the real winner today,” he said as all the pigs cheered.

Think and Respond

-  1 Where does June take Little Pig?
-  2 Why does the big pig say that Little Pig will not win a prize?
-  3 How does Little Pig get out of the pigpen?
-  4 Why does Big Pig give her prize to Little Pig?
-  5 Do you think that Little Pig should have won first prize? Tell why or why not.

  **How Heavy Is a Pig?** Find a book about pigs or use the Internet. Find out how much a grown pig weighs. Find out how much a young pig weighs. Draw a picture of both and write how heavy they are.

  **School-Home Connection** Get some family members together. Give each member a part in the story. Let one person be the narrator. Read the story aloud and act it out.



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