Pirltirrirka

Warlpiri baby
Storytelling has been part of the Warlpiri way of life for centuries. Lajamanu Elders have produced this book for young babies and their families. This story portrays the way Warlpiri children get a good start in life. The ancestral beings, the laws, the land, all connecting with the child to provide the pathway to begin healthy in mind, body and spirit and how to behave into the future, all comes from being smoked as a baby.

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Mother's mother smokes the baby

Kunjuru-mani ka jaja-nyanurlu
Smoking makes the baby strong.
Respect your parents

Mannig-nyangka-jana ngati-nyanu kirda-nyanu
Respect your land

Manngi-nyangka
nyuntu-nyangu nguru
Warlpiri culture  Yapaku-kurlangu kuruwarri