

# The Boy Who Cried Wolf

Long ago, there was a young, naughty boy who looked after some sheep near a village. The boy was often bored. One day, he played a trick on the villagers to pass the time.

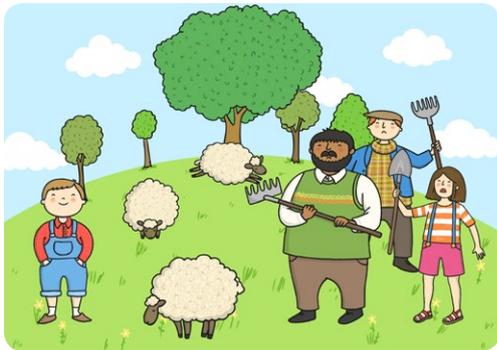
**"Wolf! Wolf!" he shouted loudly.**

The villagers came running up the hill to save the sheep. However, when they got there, there was no wolf. The boy laughed at them. "I tricked you!" he said.



**"You must not tell lies!"** said the villagers angrily and went back to the village.

Soon, the boy was bored again. He thought for a minute and shouted, **"Wolf! Wolf!"** Again, the villagers rushed up the hill to save the sheep.



The boy laughed at them. "I tricked you again!" he said.

**"You must not tell lies!"** shouted the villagers. They hurried back down to the village.

Later that day, a huge wolf really did come into the field. The boy cried and cried, **"Wolf! Wolf!"**

This time, the villagers didn't believe the boy. No one came to help and the wolf ate all of the sheep.



**No one believes a liar, even if they are telling the truth.**



# Questions

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- strong
- naughty
- young

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- for some exercise
- to shout at the boy
- to save the sheep

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- enormous
- tall

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