

TRS “The Boy Who Cried Wolf”

There once was a naughty shepherd boy who lived in a small village. One day this boy was sitting at the top of a hill and was very bored. As he watched the sheep under his care, he came up with an idea to entertain himself. He turned in the direction of the village and at the top of his lungs he began screaming, "Wolf! Wolf! The Wolf is after the sheep!"

The villagers immediately left their business and came running up the hill to help the boy scare the wolf away. But when they made it to the top of the hill, they found no wolf. Instead, they found the naughty boy laughing at the joke that he played on them.

"Never cry 'wolf,' shepherd boy," **scolded** the villagers, "when there's no wolf!" They went back to the village very angry.

The very next day, the naughty boy was bored again. "I wonder if the trick will work again" he thought. He went up to the top of the hill, turned toward the village, and once again screamed, "Wolf! Wolf! The wolf is after the sheep!" Once again, he howled with laughter as he watched the villagers run up the hill to help him scare the wolf away.

When the villagers again found no wolf, they scolded the boy once more saying, "Save your screaming for when there really is something wrong! Don't ever cry 'wolf' when there is no wolf!" But the boy just laughed and watched them go down the hill to the village once more.

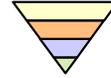
The next day, the naughty shepherd boy was again very bored. As he was dreaming up more mischief, he heard the bleating of his sheep. He ran toward the sound and then he saw what caused the sheep to cry. A huge wolf was **prowling** about his flock of sheep. Once again, he ran to the top of the hill and shouted, "Wolf! Wolf! The wolf is after the sheep!"

But the villagers had learned their lesson. They all said, "There goes that naughty shepherd boy playing his games once again." So the villagers didn't come. At sunset, some of the villagers wondered why the shepherd boy hadn't yet brought the sheep down to the village. They went up the hill to find the boy. They found him with his head down crying. Then they found out why he was crying. The flock was **scattered** everywhere and two sheep were dead.

"I cried out, "Wolf!" Why didn't you help me?"

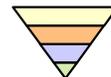
An old man responded, "That's what happens to those who lie. Sooner or later, no one believes them."

Summarize



(1) Summarize why the boy lied.

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(2) Summarize how the villagers responded to the boy's lies.
