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The Boy Who Cried Wolf

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Each reader's part is highlighted in color.

List of Characters
(in order of appearance)
Group 1:   Green
Group 2:   Blue
Group 3:   Orange
Boy: Aqua
Woman: Purple
Old Man: Light Blue
All: Red

When the characters speak in unison,
it is noted as All.

THE END

The Boy Who Cried Wolf

Group 3: The people were angry. Their sheep were lost!

Old Man: "Now you see that no one believes a liar".

All: From that day forward, the boy always tried to tell the truth.

Group 1: There once was a young boy. He lived in a small town. Every day, he sat high on a hill under a tree.

Group 2: The boy watched all the sheep for the town. He had to protect the sheep from the wolf. The wolf wanted to eat the sheep.

Group 3: Sometimes, the boy got bored. He did not like sitting all alone. So one day, he yelled as loud as he could.

Boy: "Help! Wolf! Help! Wolf! A wolf is chasing the sheep!"

Group 3: The wolf chased all of the sheep far away. The boy was very sad.

Group 1: At the end of the day, the people waited for the boy to bring the sheep down the hill. But the boy did not come.

Group 2: The people went up the hill to see what was wrong. The boy was crying.

Boy: "Why didn't you come to help me? A big wolf chased away all the sheep! I yelled, but no one came."

Old Man: "He cries wolf. But there is no wolf."

Woman: "We will not run up the hill. We will stay right here. We will not go to help."

Group 1: But this time there really was a very big wolf. It was chasing the sheep.

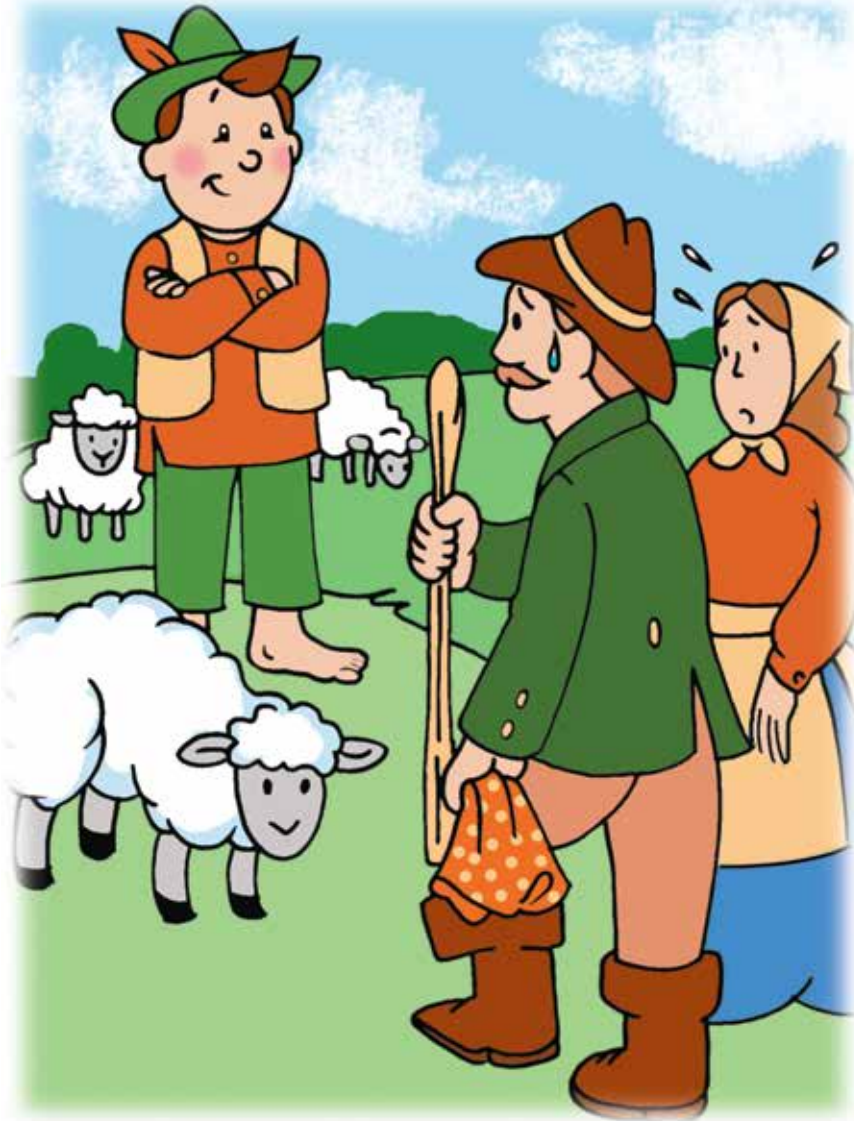**Group 2:** The small boy could not protect the sheep. He needed help. But no one came.

Group 1: The people in town heard the boy's cry. They stopped working. They ran up the hill. They went to help the boy.

Group 2: But when they got to the top, there was no wolf. There was only the boy and the sheep. The sheep were resting in the grass.

Woman: "Where is the wolf?"

Group 3: The boy laughed.
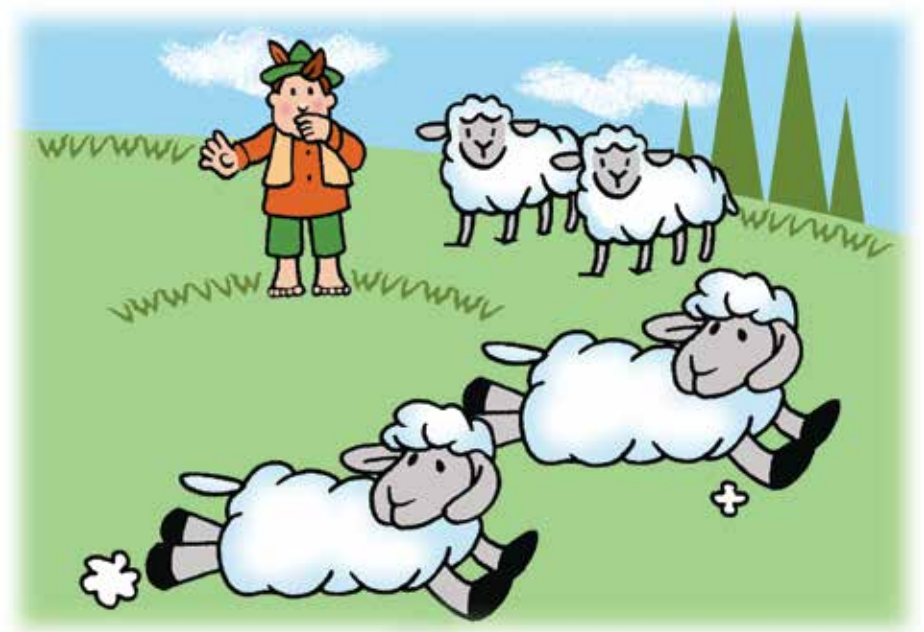
Boy: "There is no wolf."

Group 1: The people in town heard his cry. But this time, they did not stop working.

Group 2: The boy was very scared. He cried out again.

Boy: "Help! Wolf! Help! Wolf! A wolf is chasing the sheep!"

Group 3: Again, the people in town heard his cry. But still they did not move. They kept working.
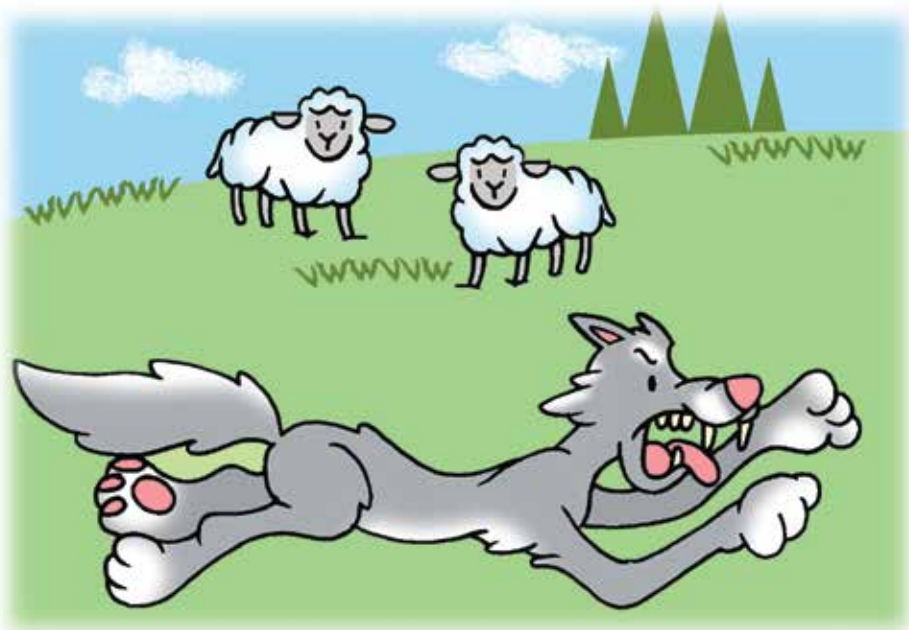
Group 1: The people shook their heads. And again, they all went back down the hill.

Group 2: The next day, something surprising happened.

Group 3: The boy saw a real wolf! He cried as loud as he could.

Boy: "Help! Wolf! Help! Wolf! A wolf is chasing the sheep!"

Group 1: The people were not happy. They were tired from running. They frowned. An old man spoke.

Old Man: "Don't cry wolf if there is no wolf. You must only cry when a wolf is nearby."

Group 2: And with that, all the people went back down the hill.

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Group 3: The boy thought this was funny. He liked seeing the people run up the hill. He thought it was a good trick.

Group 1: So the next day, the boy cried out again. He wanted to see the people run up the hill again.

Boy: "Help! Wolf! Help! Wolf! A wolf is chasing the sheep!"

Group 2: Again, the people in town heard the cry. Again, they stopped working. Again, they ran up the hill.

Group 3: And again, when they got to the top, there was no wolf. The sheep were playing. The boy was laughing.

Woman: "Where is the wolf?"

Group 1: The boy laughed.

Boy: "There is no wolf."

Group 2: The people were very angry. Again, the old man spoke.

Old Man: "Don't cry wolf if there is no wolf. You must only cry when a wolf is nearby."