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**. The Boy Who Cried Wolf**

A shepherd boy watched a flock of sheep near a dark forest not far from the village. The boy felt that life in the pasture was very dull. All he could do to amuse himself was talk to his dog or play on his shepherd's pipe.

One day, when he sat looking at the sheep and the quiet forest, he thought of a plan to have some fun. So he ran toward the village and shouted, "Help! Help! There's a wolf!" Hearing the boy's cry, some kind villagers dropped their work and came out to help him. But they didn't see any wolf. They only saw the boy staying with the sheep and laughing happily.

A few days later, the boy shouted, "Wolf! Here comes the wolf!" again. So the villagers went up to the mountains to help him again. But they still saw no wolf. This made the shepherd boy so ecstatic.

Then one evening, the sun was setting behind the forest, and the shadows crept out over the pasture. The wolf finally came. Soon the wolf began to swallow a baby sheep. The shepherd boy saw it and cried out even louder than before, "Wolf! Wolf! Help! Help!"

All the villagers heard the cry, but they did not believe the boy anymore. Because none of them went to help the boy, the wolf ate many of the sheep and then slipped away into the forest.

"Liars will not be rewarded; no one believes them even if they tell the truth.