

Lesson 84 - The Boy Who Cried Wolf

Aim

- * To understand what it means to tell the truth and to tell a lie

Materials

- * Story - The Boy Who Cried Wolf
- * Visual Aids
- girl who kicked a pot plant
- pictures to tell the story
- * A picture for colouring
- * Props for acting - shepherd's crook, a robe, etc ...

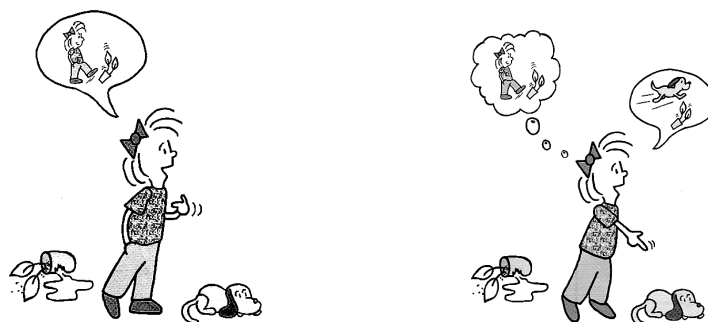
Lesson Outline

1. Introduction
2. The Boy Who Cried Wolf
3. Discussion
4. Activities - colour a picture, retell the story, act out the story
5. Review the aims
6. Prayer

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1) Introduction

Today we are going to learn about telling the truth and telling a lie. Look at the two pictures.



What did the girl do? She kicked over a plant in a pot and broke it. What did she say happened? In the first picture she told the truth. She said she did it. In the second picture she told a lie. She blamed the dog.

Have you broken something at home? A glass? A vase? A plant pot? What did you tell your parents? If you make a mistake like that, it is best to tell the truth. Even if it is difficult, you will feel better and your parents will understand that it was a mistake. If you tell a lie you don't feel good inside and your parents would be sad. We can learn more about this from today's story

2) The Boy Who Cried Wolf

* A summary - A young shepherd boy, for his own entertainment, makes believe and screams that a big wolf has come. The people in the village run out to help him. After he pulls this prank several times, the villagers realize he's just pretending. One day a wolf really comes, but this time when the boy cries out, everyone ignores him. The wolf eats the flock.

* Use the pictures to tell the story. Colour them, cut them out and stick them onto card.

3) Discussion

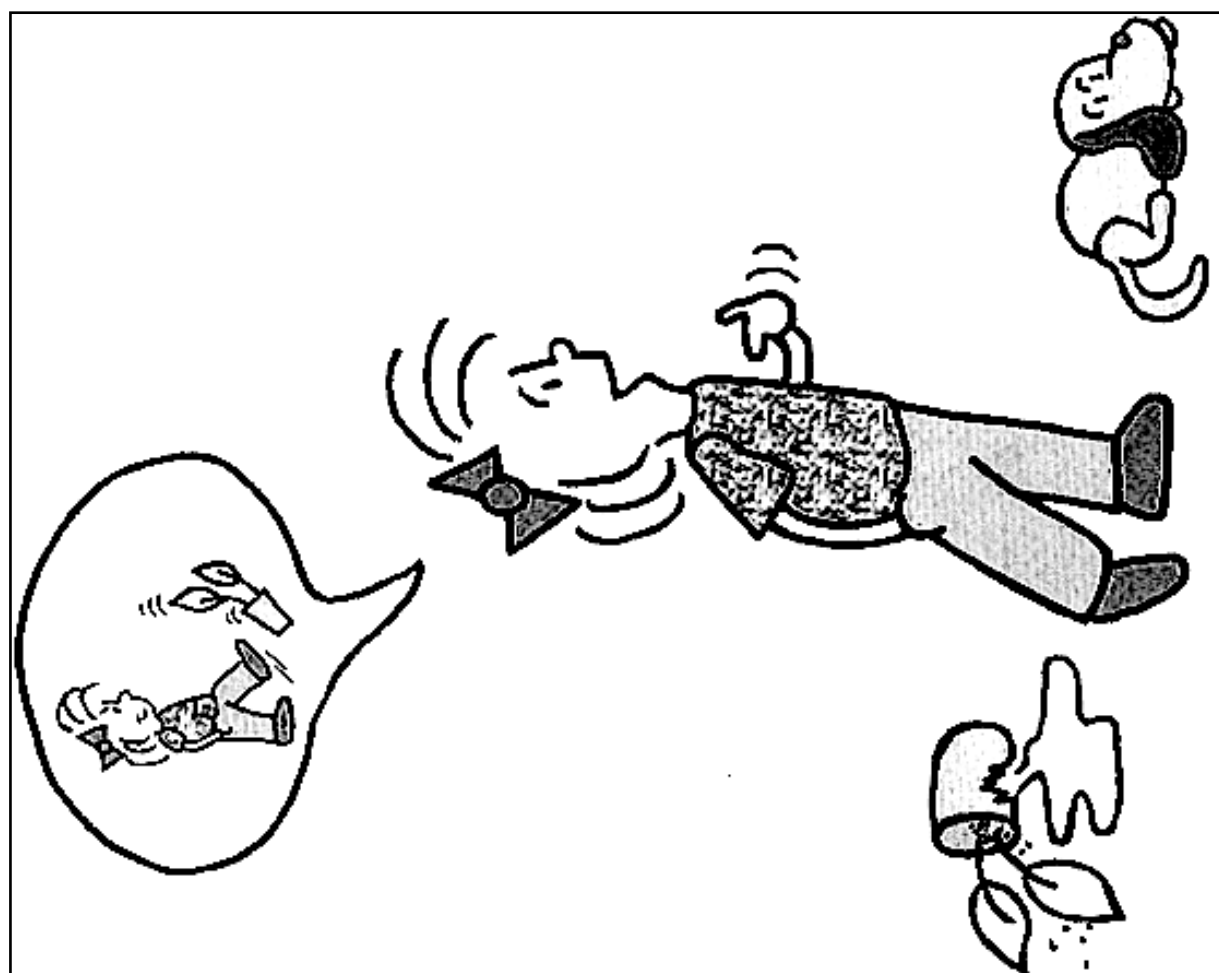
- * What was the shepherd boy's job? (He watched the sheep to make sure they were not harmed or didn't wander off and get lost.)
- * Why did he cry wolf when there wasn't a wolf? (He was bored and wanted some fun.)
- * How many times did he cry wolf? (at least three)
- * How did the villagers feel about this? (angry, upset)
- * Why didn't the villagers believe him when there really was a wolf? (He kept telling lies)
- * What happens if someone lies a lot? (Others stop believing them.)
- * What is the best way to make sure people believe us all the time? (Always tell the truth.)
- * How do you feel when you tell the truth? How do you feel when you tell a lie?
- * How does God feel?
- * How do your parents feel?

4) Activities

- * Colour the picture and fill in the letters
- * Retell the story in your own words using the pictures.
- * Act out the story - Some children can be sheep and others act as villagers. Because this is a short story, you can rotate the parts and let more than one child be the boy who cried wolf. Provide some props, such as a shepherd's crook or robe for the main character.

5) Review the aims

- * To understand what it means to tell the truth and to tell a lie
- *When you tell the truth others will always believe you. God will be happy. Parents will be happy. You will be happy*
- *When you lie a lot others will stop believing you. God will be sad. Parents will be sad. You will be sad.*



The Boy Who Cried Wolf



A shepherd boy was in charge of tending a flock of sheep. Every morning he took the sheep to a meadow near his village. Every evening he brought the sheep back home. All day long he watched the sheep to make sure they were not harmed or didn't wander off and get lost.

One day the shepherd boy began to complain. "I am bored," he said. "There is nothing to do but watch these silly sheep eat grass. Nothing different ever happens." As he watched the sheep munching on the tall green grass, he had an idea. What fun it would be to fool the villagers. He would pretend that a wolf was attacking the flock of sheep.

"Wolf! Wolf!" he shouted. The villagers came running with pitchforks and clubs to drive off the wolf. When they arrived there was no wolf. There was just the naughty shepherd boy laughing his head off.

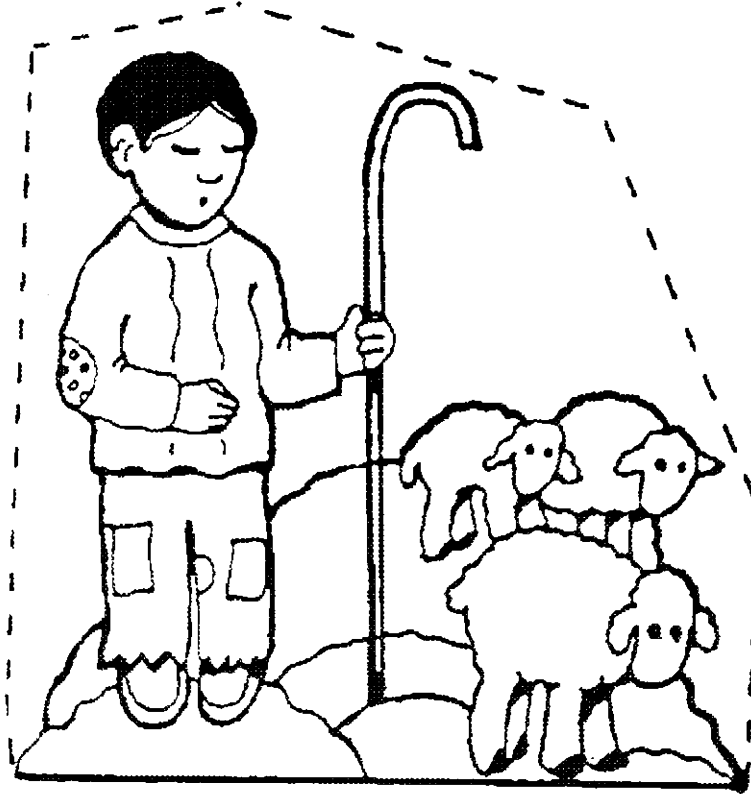
Again and again, the shepherd boy called wolf. Again and again the villagers came. Each time there was no wolf.

At last, one day, a hungry wolf crept up on the flock. When the shepherd boy saw the wolf, he began to shout, "Wolf! Wolf!" He shouted and shouted, but no one came. The villagers thought the boy was up to his old tricks, so they ignored his calls. The wolf killed sheep after sheep before the boy finally drove it away.

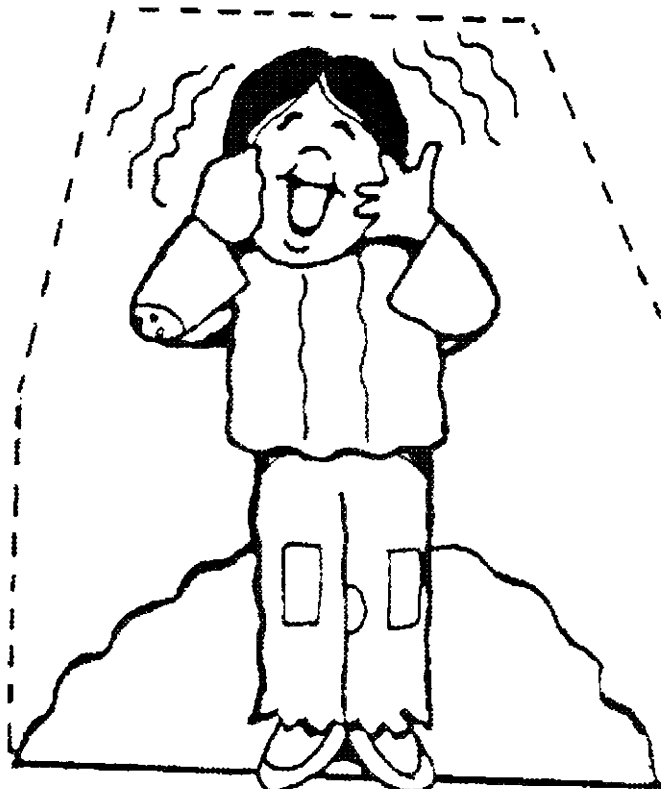
The shepherd boy finally learned that no one believes a liar even when he is telling the truth.

Visual Aids

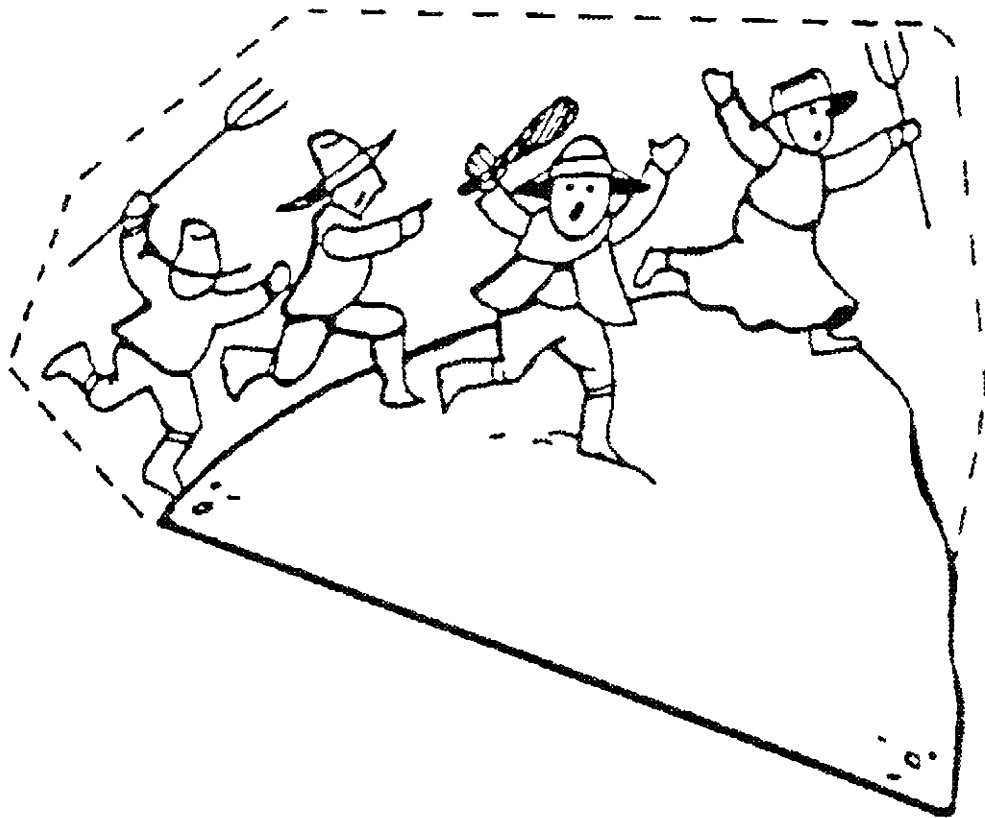
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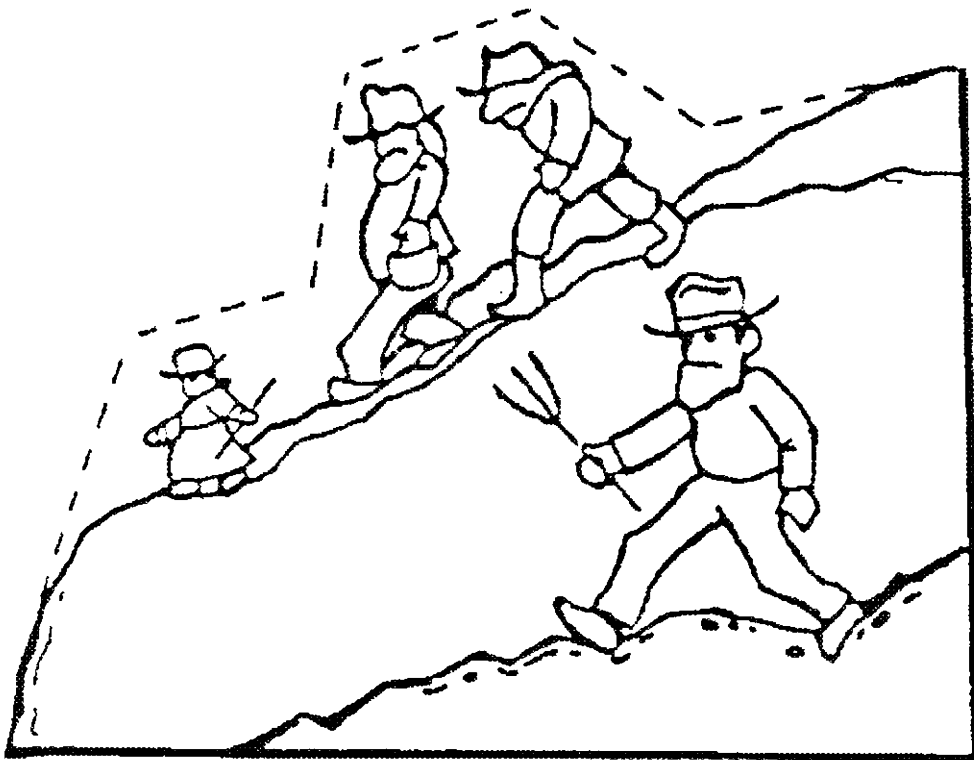
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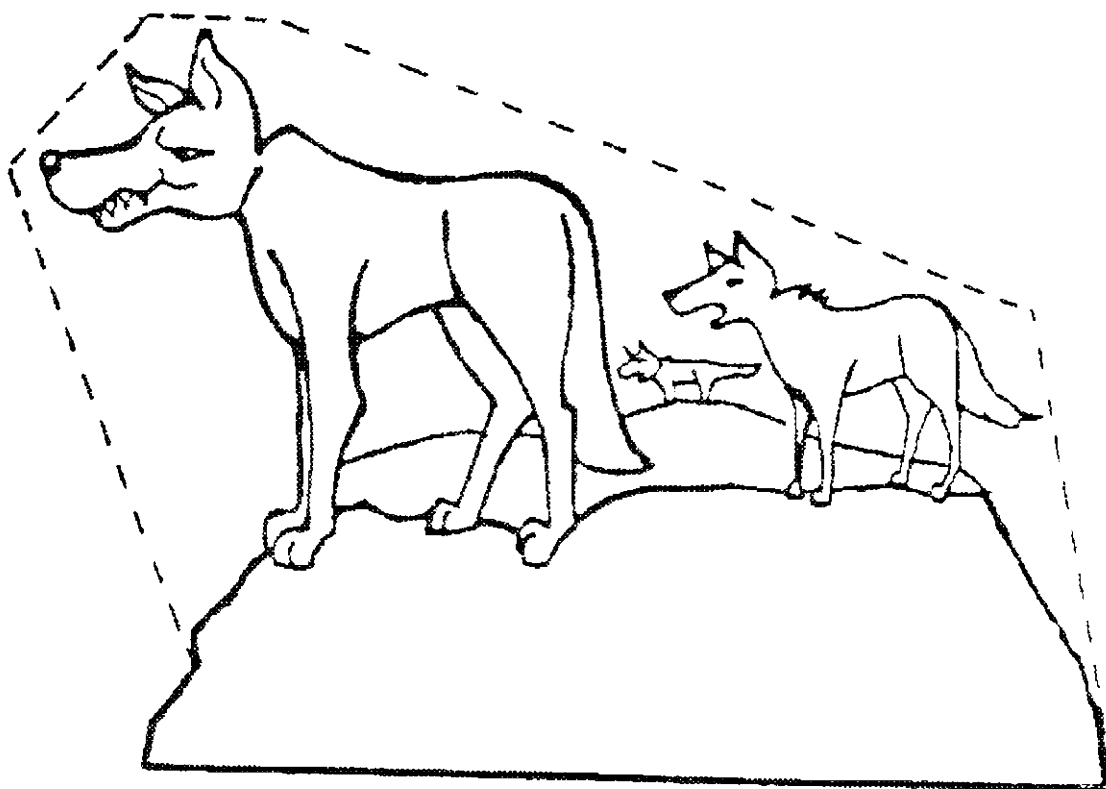
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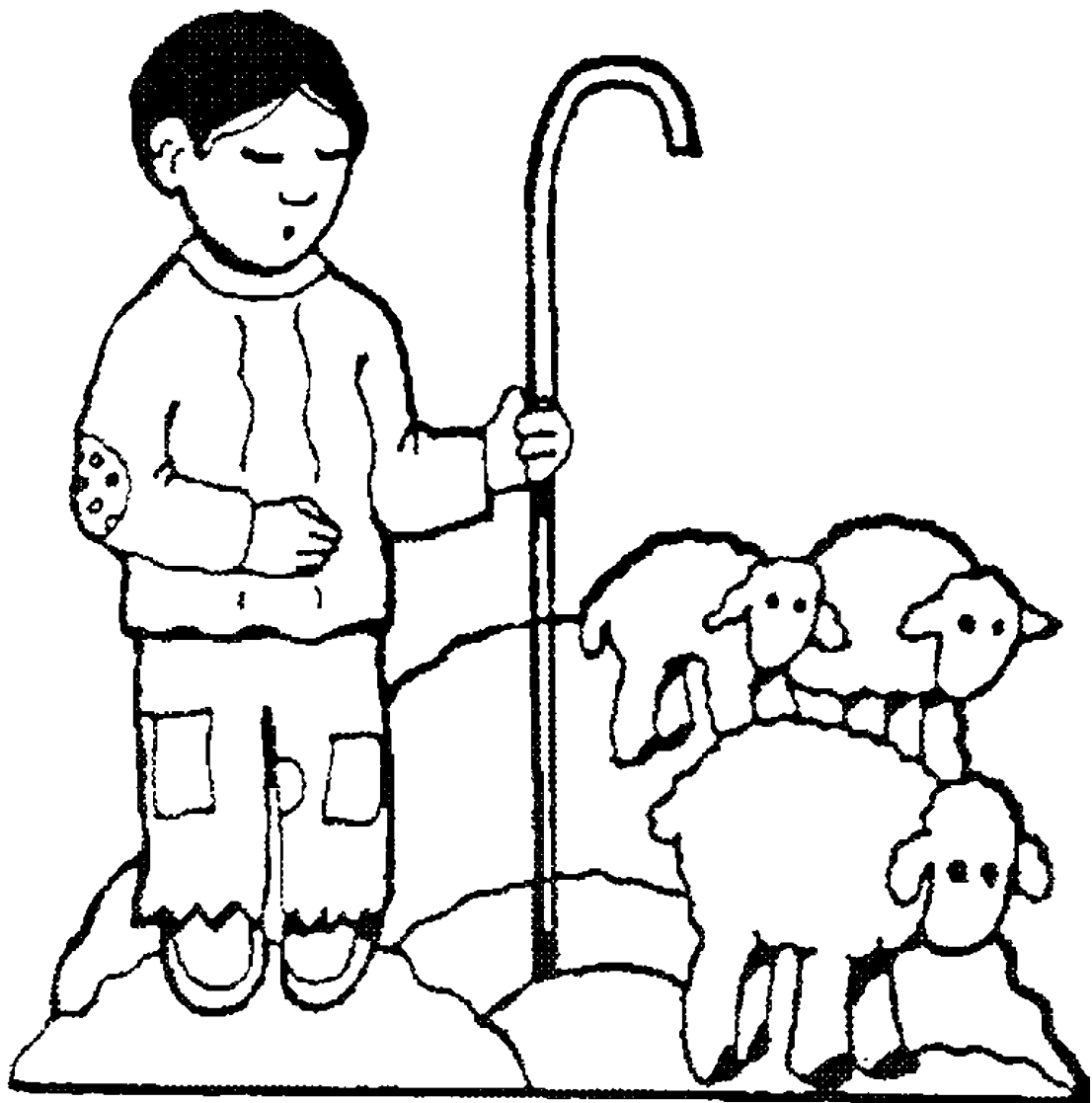


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