

The Boy Who Cried “Wolf!”

This lesson plan:

- trustworthiness
 - 4-6 yrs.
 - Language arts
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Overview

This popular fable introduces children to the notion that trustworthiness must be earned and will be lost if one lies repeatedly.

Materials

None

Procedure

1. Tell the children the story about the boy who cried, "Wolf!" 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.

Discuss the importance of telling the truth all the time. Use the following questions in your discussion:

- What happens if someone lies a lot? (Others stop believing you.)
- Why didn't the people believe the boy when there really was a wolf? (Because his repeated lying made him untrustworthy.)
- What is the best way to make sure people believe us all the time? (Always be honest.)
- Has this ever happened to someone you know?

Craft Ideas:

How about if the kids color a scene where a wolf would live?'

You can suggest: in the mountains, in a valley, by a farm house, on top of a mountain. You may want to start by drawing a picture in front of the students and then let them draw a scene of their own.....let their imagination run "wild".

Most kids love to create and draw something they make up in their heads.

Just have white paper and crayons available for them to use.