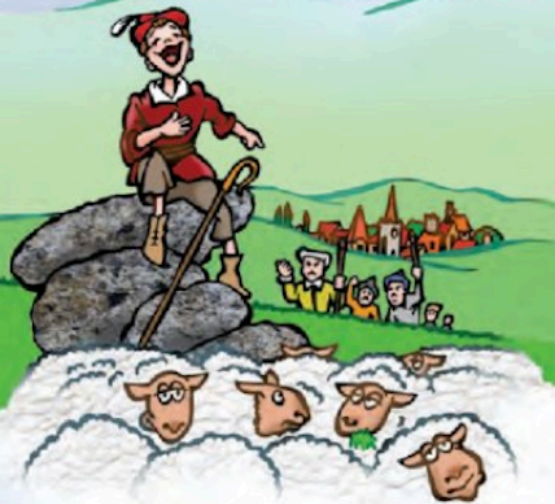


# The Boy Who Cried Wolf



Once upon a time a little boy was minding sheep on a hill. He was bored.

‘Wolf! Wolf!’ he shouted.

All the people in the town came running up the hill.

‘Where is the wolf?’ they said.

The boy laughed.

‘I was only joking,’ he said. ‘There is no wolf.’

The people went home. They were cross.

Suddenly, a wolf came to the hill.



‘Wolf! Wolf!’ the boy shouted, but nobody came running this time.

‘He’s just joking again,’ they said.

But he wasn’t and the wolf ran off with a sheep. The boy never played a silly trick again. ■

## CHECK-UP

- 1 What was the boy doing on the hill?
- 2 Why did the boy play a trick?
- 3 Why were the people cross with the boy?
- 4 Why did they not come running the second time?
- 5 Do you think that the boy learned a lesson? Explain.