The Boy and the Wolf

O ut in a grassy field, a shepherd boy tended his family's sheep.
"I'm hot," he moaned. "And it's so boring out here alone with these dreary sheep."

Suddenly, an idea sparked into his head.

"Wolf! Wolf!" he screamed until his face was red.

The boy's family raced to the fields with weapons, for one wolf could destroy the whole flock of sheep and ruin them.

"Where is the wolf?" they shouted to the boy.

"There is no wolf," laughed the boy. "I was just lonely and thought we needed some excitement."

"Silly boy," scolded the boy's mother. "We work hard and have no time for pranks. You must never fool us again."

The next morning, the boy thought, "How quickly they came! How exciting it was!"

The boy could not resist.

"Wolf! Wolf!" he screamed again.

Once again, his family scurried up the hill.

"Where? Where?" roared the boy's father.

You can just imagine what his family said when they learned the boy had tricked them again.

Later that afternoon, a hungry gray wolf crept across the field as the boy was yawning.

"Help!" yelled the startled boy. "REALLY! WOLF!"

No one appeared. The boy's family heard his screams, but just grumbled loudly. The wolf could hardly believe his good luck, and enjoyed a magnificent dinner of four sheep and a lamb.

Later, these words echoed all over town:

"If People Think You Are a Liar,
No One Will Ever Believe You."