



## A Lesson on The Boy Who Cried Wolf! by Megan Burns

**Grade Level:** Grade 3

**Subject Area:** English Language Arts

**Lesson Length:** 2 hours

**Lesson Keywords:** Writing, Reading, The Boy Who Cried Wolf!

**Lesson Description:** In this lesson the student goals are to read and write critically. Students will read a short passage and respond to vocabulary questions, that may require them to reread the text in order to obtain the meaning of the vocabulary words. Students will also be asked critically think in order to respond to short answer questions. Finally students will write in their opinion what they would do if they were the villagers. This will engage students and help them think critically. This lesson can be split into two days.

### Common Core Standards Covered with This Lesson

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.3.3: Describe characters in a story (e.g., their traits, motivations, or feelings) and explain how their actions contribute to the sequence of events.

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CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.3.4: Determine the meaning of general academic and domain-specific words and phrases in a text relevant to a grade 3 topic or subject area.

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CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.3.1: Write opinion pieces on topics or texts, supporting a point of view with reasons.

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CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.3.2: Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English capitalization, punctuation, and spelling when writing.

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## Lesson Content: Book/Story/Reading Passage

**Instructions:** Please read the following reading passage as many times as needed (aloud and silent) before starting to go through other lesson pages. Understanding the content of this passage is very important since the lesson activities will be all about this content. Feel free to print the passage if needed.

### The Boy Who Cried Wolf!

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**Content:** There was once a boy who lived in a village up in the mountains. His family owned many sheep. The boy had a job, and that job was to watch the sheep. If a wolf came near, he needed to call for help. His sheep stayed on a hill near the village where he watched them every day.

One day, he thought of a trick he could play on the people who lived in the village. He was bored, so he thought this would be a way to have fun. He ran toward the village crying out loudly for help.

He shouted, Wolf! Wolf! Come and help! The wolves are at my lambs! The wolves are trying to eat them!

There were many villagers in the town. They heard him crying and thought that they had to help. So, the kind villagers left their work and ran to the field to help him. They would try to help him chase away the wolves and protect his lambs. However, when the villagers got there, the boy laughed at them. There was no wolf there. He just wanted to watch them come running! He thought it was funny.

Then another day the boy tried the same trick. Once again, the villagers came running to help him out, and once again the boy laughed at them.

Then, one day, a wolf really did come and it started chasing the lambs. In great fright, the boy ran for help. Wolf! Wolf! he screamed. There is a wolf! Help! Please! Help! Please!

All the villagers heard him, but this time they did not come. They thought he was pulling another mean trick. They had learned their lesson and did not need to be laughed at again. So, no one paid attention to him and the shepherd-boy lost all his sheep they all ran away.

When people in the village found out what had happened, they were sorry, but they told the boy it was his fault. That is the kind of thing that happens to people who lie. Even when they tell the truth, no one believes them. People are just so used to their lies.

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## Task 1: Vocabulary

**Instructions:** Please complete the following vocabulary activity by choosing the correct meaning of each word selected from the passage and use of each word correctly in a sentence.

**Q: 1 WordPhrase:** Village **WordPhraseTier:** 2

**Question:** "There once was a boy who lived in a village up in the mountains." What does the word "village" mean?

- A: A person
- B: A bunch of Bears
- C: Where wolves live
- D: Where a group of people live

**Question:** Which sentence used the word "village" correctly?

- A: I am a village.
  - B: The village moved.
  - C: I live in the village.
  - D: My dogs are a village.
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**Q: 2 WordPhrase:** Believe **WordPhraseTier:** 3

**Question:** "Even when they tell the truth, no one believes them." What does "believes" mean in this sentence?

- A: Lies
- B: Truth
- C: Happy
- D: Jealous

**Question:** Which sentence below uses the word "believes" correctly?

- A: Mom believes in you and says you are telling the truth.
  - B: The dog believes in catching the ball.
  - C: Everyone believes about school.
  - D: She doesn't believes the store.
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**Q: 3 WordPhrase:** Mountain **WordPhraseTier:** 2

**Question:** "There was once a boy who lived in a village up in the mountains." What does the word "mountains" mean?

- A: A hole in the earth.
- B: A large body of water.
- C: Land that is surrounded by water.
- D: A natural elevation of the earth's surface.

**Question:** Which sentence used the word "mountains" correctly?

- A: I bought mountains at the store.
  - B: We love to climb the tall mountains.
  - C: She is carrying the mountains.
  - D: Mountains are fun to swim in.
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**Q: 4 WordPhrase:** Fright **WordPhraseTier:** 3

**Question:** "In great fright, the boy ran for help." What does the word "fright" mean in this sentence?

- A: Joyful
- B: Anger
- C: Fear
- D: Mellow

**Question:** Which sentence used the word "fright" correctly?

- A: I can't stop laughing I'm so fright.
  - B: Scary movies give me a fright.
  - C: Balloons are beautiful and fright.
  - D: She was so fight, she decided to go to bed.
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## Task 2: Forum Discussion

**Instructions:** This discussion forum will have questions for students to respond. Read the posted questions, and respond to each. Students are responsible for posting one initial and two peer responses for each topic.

### 1 - Why did the boy...

Why do you think the boy decided it would be funny to play tricks on the villagers? Explain your answer.

### 2 - How do you think the villagers...

How do you think the villagers felt after the second time the boy tricked them and called wolf? How would it make you feel if someone tricked you? Explain your answers.

### 3 - The boy plays two tricks...

In this story the boy plays tricks on the villagers, who are ready and eager to help the boy. But they eventually stop caring about what he says. If someone was playing tricks on you, would you believe them and keep helping or would you stop believing what they say? Use complete sentences.

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### Task 3: Writing Activity

**Instructions:** The villagers ran to help the boy two times, but were tricked each time. Now the boy is crying wolf again, but the villagers refuse to help him now. In your opinion why do you think they will not come help the boy the third time? Look back in the text for help.?You must write at least four complete sentences.

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