



A Lesson on The Boy Who Cried Wolf! by Alexandra Bennett

Grade Level: Grade 3

Subject Area: English Language Arts

Lesson Length: 45 minutes

Lesson Keywords: <http://tricksandconsequences.com>

Lesson Description: Tricks and games may be fun but the truth will win the race. A short lesson on why telling the true is better than having fun at other peoples expense.

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.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.3.4: Determine the meaning of words and phrases as they are used in a text, distinguishing literal from nonliteral language.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RI.3.1: Ask and answer questions to demonstrate understanding of a text, referring explicitly to the text as the basis for the answers.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.3.1c: Use abstract nouns (e.g., childhood).

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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: villagers **WordPhraseTier:** 3

Question: What does the word villagers mean in this sentence? "All the villagers heard him, but this time they did not come."

- A: People
- B: Animals
- C: Lambs
- D: Houses

Question: Which one of the sentence below uses the word "villagers" correctly?

- A: The boy ran into the villagers to take shelter from the wolf.
- B: The boy villagers the wolf to protect the lambs.
- C: He thought of villagers he could play on the people.
- D: He villagers the apple to make sure it was still good.

Q: 2 WordPhrase: trick **WordPhraseTier:** 3

Question: What does the word "trick" mean in this sentence? "Then another day the boy tried the same trick."

- A: game
- B: food
- C: path
- D: person

Question: Which one of the sentence below uses the word "trick" correctly?

- A: The boy went to trick the water in the pond.
- B: The boy picked up the lamb before the trick hit it.
- C: The boy wanted to trick the girl into believing he had eaten her candy
- D: The trick was laying on the bed.

Q: 3 WordPhrase: no one believes them **WordPhraseTier:** 2

Question: The author in our story says "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." What does the phrase "no one believes them" mean in this sentence?

- A: No one thinks the boy is telling the truth
- B: No one cares for him
- C: No one loves him
- D: No one think the boy is really there

Question: Which one of the sentence below uses the phrase "no one believes them" correctly?

- A: The Lambs were down the hill so no one believes them.
- B: The girls at the apples so many times that no one believes them
- C: They always had on the same clothes so no one believes them.
- D: They lied so often that no one believes them.

Q: 4 WordPhrase: chasing **WordPhraseTier:** 2

Question: What does the word "chasing" mean in this sentence? "Then, one day, a wolf really did come and it started chasing the lambs."

- A: eating
- B: running after
- C: looking at
- D: taking

Question: Which one of the sentence below uses the word "chasing" correctly?

- A: The boy wanted to have the chasing after this trick.
- B: The wolf was chasing his teeth after the big lunch.
- C: The girl started chasing the boy after he ran away with her Candy Bar.
- D: Only chasing can make people cry

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 people in the village tell the boy it was his fault

Why did the people in the village tell the boy it was his fault when they found the boy had lost all his sheep. Explain why it was his fault.?

2 - Why does the passage say "People are just so used to their lies."

Why does the passage say People are just so used to their lies. Explain what Used to means in this sentence?

3 - What is the boy doing wrong to the kind villagers

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Explain why the boy did what he did and what happened because of what he did.?

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Task 3: Writing Activity

Instructions: You are to write and post here 500 words essay on why doing the right thing over doing what is more fun is better in the end. Give examples from the story.?

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