



A Lesson on The Boy Who Cried Wolf! by Jade Copeland

Grade Level: Grade 3

Subject Area: English Language Arts

Lesson Length: 1 hour

Lesson Keywords: The Boy Who Cried Wolf, Reading Comprehension, Writing assignment, Discussion

Lesson Description: Strengthening reading comprehension is the main focus of the lesson. As a group, the class and I will read "The Boy Who Cried Wolf!". After reading the passage students will be required to answer questions on vocabulary from the story. Students must also answer questions regarding the meaning of this story. To conclude the lesson, students will have to write a short response on how the boys decisions effected him.

Common Core Standards Covered with This Lesson

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.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.W.3.1b: Provide reasons that support the opinion.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.3.1d: Explain their own ideas and understanding in light of the discussion.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.3.6: Speak in complete sentences when appropriate to task and situation in order to provide requested detail or clarification. (See grade 3 Language standards 1 and 3 here for specific expectations.)

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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 was once a boy who lived in a "village" up in the mountains.

A: A village is another city.

B: A village is where a group of people live.

C: A village is a mansion.

D: A village is giant rock.

Question: Which sentence uses the word "village" correctly?

A: The villiage is blue.

B: My family and I live in a village.

C: I bought a new village at the mall.

D: My dad drove his village to work.

Q: 2 WordPhrase: Trick **WordPhraseTier:** 2

Question: One day, he thought of a "trick" he could play on the people who lived in the village. What does the word \"trick\" mean in this sentence?

A: a joke

B: a prize

C: a game

D: an instrument

Question: What sentence uses the word \"trick\" correctly?

A: I played a joke on my tecaher for April Fools Day.

B: The sheep lived on a high trick.

C: Trick or treating is fun.

D: The villagers felt were very trick with the boy.

Q: 3 WordPhrase: Believes **WordPhraseTier:** 3

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

A: Understands

B: Curious

C: Truth

D: Story

Question: What sentence uses the word "believes" correctly?

A: I love to spend time with my favorite believes.

B: My mom always tells me that she believes in me.

C: Believes is my favorite book to read.

D: The dog loves to play fetch with hisnew believes.

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: Joy

B: Surprise

C: Excitement

D: Fear

Question: What sentence uses the word \"fright\" correctly?

A: The sun is yellow and fright.

B: The haunted house will give him great fright.

C: Mangos are fright and tasty.

D: I loved my birthday party, it was fright.

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 - If you were one...

If you were one of the villagers, would you have gone to help the sheppard's boy the time third time he cried wolf? Why or why not?

2 - Why do you think...

Why?do you think the boy decided to trick the villagers? Was this a good choice?

3 - What lesson did...

What lesson did the boy learn from crying wolf to?trick the villagers?

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Task 3: Writing Activity

Instructions: Explain how the Shepard-boy's dishonesty hurt him. How did his actions put his sheep in danger? Response must be atleast four sentences.?Make sure to provide specific examples.

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