



A Lesson on The Boy Who Cried Wolf! by C C

Grade Level: Grade 3

Subject Area: English Language Arts

Lesson Length: 2 hours

Lesson Keywords: The, boy, who, cried, wolf

Lesson Description: This lesson for the story, "The Boy Who Cried Wolf!" is for a third grade classroom. The lesson is to test students on their vocabulary, think critically about their assigned reading, and use their writing abilities to answer short response questions. The story's quiz has eight multiple choice questions, three short answer questions, and one essay question.

Common Core Standards Covered with This Lesson

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.RL.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.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.W.3.2d: Provide a concluding statement or section.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.SL.3.1c: Ask questions to check understanding of information presented, stay on topic, and link their comments to the remarks of others.

CCSS.ELA-Literacy.L.3: Demonstrate command of the conventions of standard English grammar and usage when writing or speaking.

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:** 2

Question: There were many villagers in the town... What does the word "villagers" mean in this sentence?

- A: People who like to dance.
- B: People who play instruments.
- C: People who like to sing.
- D: People who live in a certain area.

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

- A: The villagers gathered for a meeting.
- B: The villagers in the band played very well.
- C: The villagers in on the dance team were given flowers.
- D: The villagers in the chorus sang poorly.

Q: 2 WordPhrase: Crying **WordPhraseTier:** 3

Question: "He ran toward the village crying out loudly for help.\" What does the word \"crying\" mean in this sentence?

- A: He was very upset.
- B: He was scared.
- C: He was yelling.
- D: He was angry.

Question: Which sentence is using the word "crying" correctly?

- A: The boy was so crying to his mom.
- B: The boy was crying because he failed his math test.
- C: The boy was crying because he saw a scary movie.
- D: The boy was crying out to his mom because he was hungry.

Q: 3 WordPhrase: fright **WordPhraseTier:** 3

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

- A: Lonely
- B: Scared
- C: Happy
- D: Crying

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

- A: The boy was given a good fright.
- B: The boy was in a fright over his birthday present.
- C: The boy was given a fright over a cute dog.
- D: The boy was in a fright over eating too much candy.

Q: 4 WordPhrase: Trick **WordPhraseTier:** 2

Question: "They thought he was pulling another mean trick.\" What does the word "trick" mean in this sentence?

- A: To have fun.
- B: To play.
- C: To make fun of.
- D: To read to.

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

- A: It was tricky spell the word fish.
- B: It is a trick to type fast.
- C: It is a trick to do magic.
- D: It is mean to play tricks on people.

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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 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...

In the story, the young boy found it funny to laugh and play tricks on the villagers. Why do you think the boy thought it was funny to play tricks on them??

2 - What do you think...

After the boy yelled for help two times and the villagers came running, why did the villagers not come a third time when the boy cried for help??

3 - Would you...

If you were one of the villagers in the story, would you keep showing up to help the boy??

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Task 3: Writing Activity

Instructions: The boy who cried wolf was helped by the villiagers the first two times he cried for help, but none of the villiagers came the third time.? What do you think the overall life lesson of the story is??

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