

## The Boy Who Cried Wolf

### Character Skills

- Trustworthiness
- Responsibility

### SEL Skills

- Responsible Decision-Making
- Social Awareness

### Academic Skills

- Critical and Creative Thinking
- Curiosity and Passion
- Self-Direction and Engagement

Tell the students the story about the boy who cried, “Wolf!” Then, discuss the importance of telling the truth all the time using the discussion questions.

### Story Summary

A young boy, for his own entertainment, makes believe and screams that a big wolf has come into the village. The people in the village are very alarmed at first. After he pulls this stunt several times and no wolf is ever seen, the villagers begin to realize that he is just pretending. One day a mean wolf actually comes into the village. This time when the boy cries out to warn the others, everyone thinks that he is not trustworthy and they ignore him.

### Discussion

- What happens if someone lies a lot?
- Why didn’t the people believe the boy when there really was a wolf?
- What is the best way to make sure people believe us all the time?
- Has this sort of thing ever happened to someone you know?

### Definitions

#### Trustworthiness

- Be honest; don't deceive, cheat, or steal
- Have integrity; do what you say you'll do
- Keep your promises
- Be loyal; stand by your values

#### Responsibility

- Do what you are supposed to do; try your best
- Persevere; keep on trying
- Be self-disciplined
- Think before you act; consider the consequences
- Be accountable for your words, actions, and attitudes

#### Responsible Decision-Making

Make decisions based on rationality, ethics, and effectiveness

#### Social Awareness

Assess the feelings of others and be sensitive to the feelings and needs of others

#### Critical and Creative Thinking

Acquire, remember, understand, and apply knowledge

#### Curiosity and Passion

Enthusiastic to understand more about themselves, others, and the world around them

#### Self-Direction and Engagement

Fully engaged in the educational process and connected to the school community

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