

The Boy Who Cried Wolf

There once was a shepherd boy who was bored as he sat on the hillside watching the village sheep. To amuse himself he took a great breath and sang out, "Wolf! Wolf! The Wolf is chasing the sheep!"

The villagers came running up the hill to help the boy drive the wolf away. But when they arrived at the top of the hill, they found no wolf. The boy laughed at the sight of their angry faces.

"Don't cry 'wolf', shepherd boy," said the villagers, "when there's no wolf!"

They went grumbling back down the hill.

Later, the boy sang out again, "Wolf! Wolf! The wolf is chasing the sheep!" To his naughty delight, he watched the villagers run up the hill to help him drive the wolf away.

When the villagers saw no wolf they sternly said, "Save your frightened song for when there is really something wrong! Don't cry 'wolf' when there is NO wolf!" But the boy just grinned and watched them go grumbling down the hill once more.

Later, he saw a REAL wolf prowling about his flock. Alarmed, he leaped to his feet and sang out as loudly as he could, "Wolf! Wolf!"

But the villagers thought he was trying to fool them again, and so they didn't come.

At sunset, everyone wondered why the shepherd boy hadn't returned to the village with their sheep. They went up the hill to find the boy. They found him weeping. "There really was a wolf here! The flock has scattered! I cried out, "Wolf!" Why didn't you come?"

An old man tried to comfort the boy as they walked back to the village.

"We'll help you look for the lost sheep in the morning," he said, putting his arm around the youth, "Nobody believes a liar...even when he is telling the truth!"

The Red Boots

Pa-ta- Pa-ta-. The cow and the horse are wearing their new boots. How happy and proud they are. The cat sees them and he wants a new pair of boots too.

He walks into the room goes under one bed finds pairs of leather shoes. He puts them on one by one, but they are all too large. How disappointed he is. Then he hears some steps. It is a puppet. The puppet is wearing a nice red pair of boots. That pair of red boots must be the right size for me, he thinks. So he says "Hello, little puppet. Can you take off your boots? Let me have a try, Ok? "No, I can't. " The puppet says "I can't stand up if I have no boots. "Then you can sit. " The cat pushes the puppet over, robs her off her red boots and begins to run outside. The puppet is very sad and she cries.

A rat hears her and asks her "What's wrong with you? "The spotted cat has taken away my red boots. "Little puppet, don't worry. I'll help you to get them back. " The rat says. "No, you can't. The cat will eat you. "

The puppet catches the rat's tail and says. "It doesn't matter. I have my way. " Then he runs quickly out of the door.

He sees the cat wearing the red boots and he is walking under a big tree. The rat climbs the big tree and begins to sing. "The bad cat, the bad cat. Rob the other's boots to put on his feet. " The cat gets so angry that he wants to catch the rat. He has to climb up the tree. But the boots are made of wood. It's hard and smooth. It stops the cat from climbing up. "The foolish cat , the foolish cat, can't climb the tree with boots. " The rat sings again. Thus the cat takes off the boots and climbs up the tree. But before he can catch him, the rat has already jumped down. He quickly picks up the boots and runs away. He runs into the room and puts on the red boots for the little puppet. "Thank you little rat. " she says.