



Essential Question

What can animals in stories teach us?



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Animal Lessons

Do you know the story of the Tortoise and the Hare? The Hare is ahead in a race with a slow Tortoise so he decides to take a nap. Then Tortoise ends up winning the race!

- ▶ Animals in stories teach us lessons.
- ▶ Animals in stories help us learn about each other.

Talk About It



Talk with a partner about the lessons we learn from animals in stories. Write the lessons on the word web.



Vocabulary

Use the picture and sentence to learn each word.



believe

I **believe** it is going to rain today.

What is something you *believe* will happen today?



delicious

We ate the **delicious** pizza.

Describe something that tastes *delicious*.



feast

Our family sat at the dinner table and started to **feast**.

When might you *feast*?



fond

Rob is very **fond** of his puppy.

What is something that you are *fond* of?



lessons

I learned a lot from the teacher's **lessons**.

What lessons do you learn at school?



remarkable

I saw a **remarkable** rainbow in the sky.

Describe something that is remarkable.



snatch

My dog can **snatch** a flying disc out of the air.

Show how you would snatch something off your desk.



stories

Our dad reads us **stories** before bedtime.

What are some stories you like?

Your Turn

COLLABORATE



Pick three words. Write three questions for your partner to answer.

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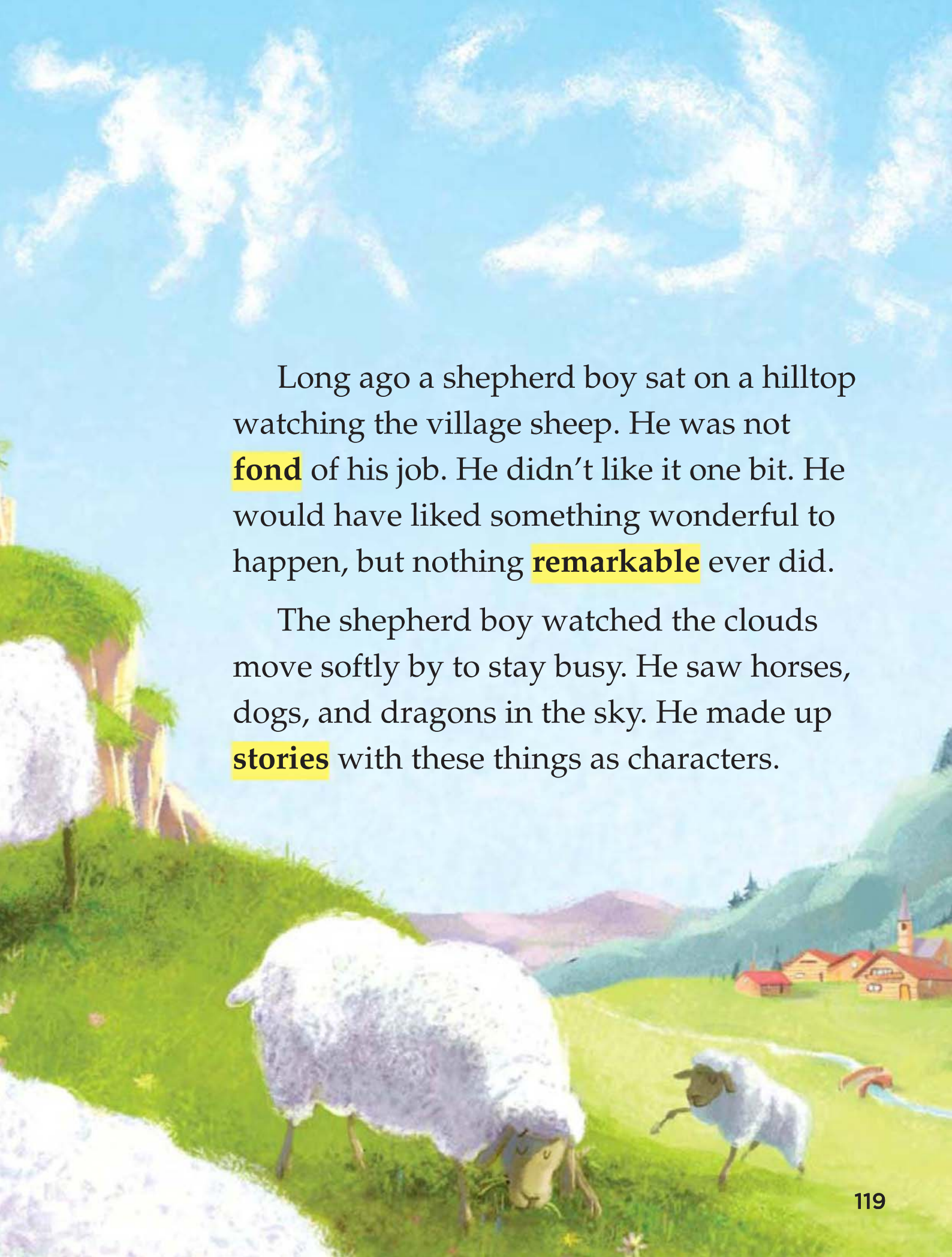
The Boy Who Cried Wolf



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Read to find out what a shepherd boy learns.

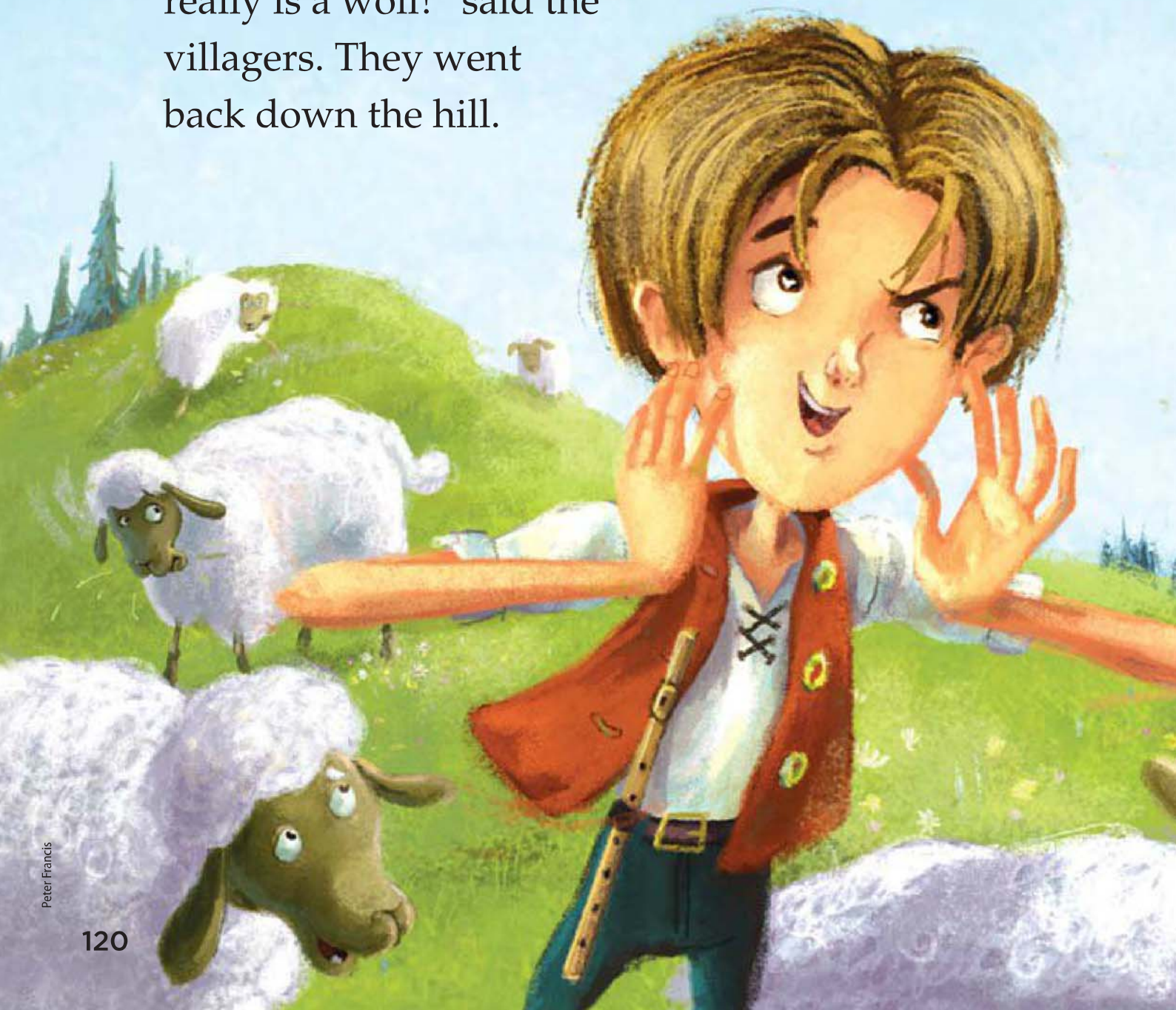


Long ago a shepherd boy sat on a hilltop watching the village sheep. He was not **fond** of his job. He didn't like it one bit. He would have liked something wonderful to happen, but nothing **remarkable** ever did.

The shepherd boy watched the clouds move softly by to stay busy. He saw horses, dogs, and dragons in the sky. He made up **stories** with these things as characters.

Then one day he had a better idea! He took a deep breath and cried out, “Wolf! Wolf! The wolf is chasing the sheep!”

The villagers ran up the hill to help the boy. When they got there, they saw no harmful wolf. The boy laughed. “Shepherd boy! Don’t cry ‘wolf!’ unless there really is a wolf!” said the villagers. They went back down the hill.



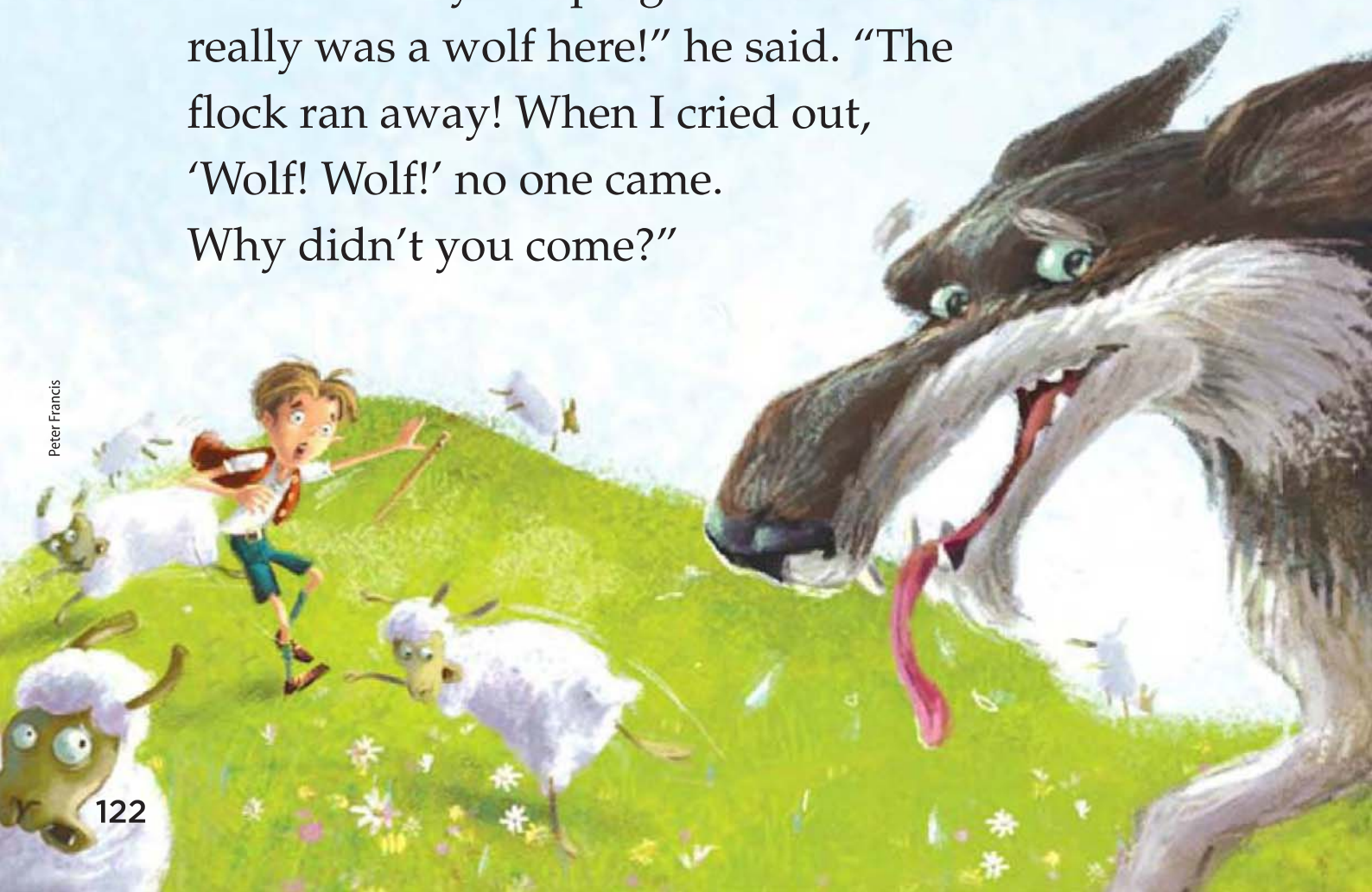
That afternoon the boy again cried out, “Wolf! Wolf! The wolf is chasing the sheep!”

The villagers ran to help the boy again. They saw no wolf. The villagers were angry. “Don’t cry ‘wolf!’ when there is NO WOLF!” they said. The shepherd boy just smiled. The villagers went quickly down the hill again.



That afternoon the boy saw a REAL wolf. He did not want the wolf to grab any of the sheep! The boy thought the wolf would **snatch** one of them for a **delicious**, tasty meal. A sheep would be a big **feast** for a wolf. He quickly jumped to his feet and cried, “WOLF! WOLF!” The villagers thought he was tricking them again, so they did not come.

That night the shepherd boy did not return with their sheep. The villagers found the boy weeping real tears. “There really was a wolf here!” he said. “The flock ran away! When I cried out, ‘Wolf! Wolf!’ no one came. Why didn’t you come?”



A kind man talked to the boy as they walked slowly back to the village. “In the morning, we’ll help you look for the sheep,” he said. “You have just learned one of life’s important **lessons**. This is something you need to know. Nobody **believes** a person who tells lies. It is always better to tell the truth!”



Make Connections



What did you learn after reading this animal story? **ESSENTIAL QUESTION**

Tell how you are similar or different from the shepherd boy. **TEXT TO SELF**