The Boy Who Cried Wolf

This story is meant for use by a group of elementary children. A specific number is not needed. Different children repeat the sentences to tell the story. Special effects can be added by all the children shouting "Wolf! Wolf!" or "I lied". The teaching of the play is amplified by the group singing a teaching song, such as those written by Ron Hamilton ("Never tell a lie", etc)

Once upon a time, there was a shepherd boy.

He liked his job, but he quickly became bored because all he had to do was to watch sheep graze.

One day, he decided that he needed to make some excitement, so he cried out, "Wolf! Wolf!"

The townspeople all left their work and came running, only to find him laughing and saying, "Oh, I lied, just to see you all come scrambling up the hill."

Not many days passed before the young scamp again played his trick.

Jumping up and down, and pretending to shoot at a wolf with his slingshot, he screamed, "Wolf! Wolf!" at the top of his lungs.

The townspeople again came running.

The shepherd laughed and laughed to see them all so excited.

"Oh," he casually said. "It is just so boring up here. I lied."

The angry townspeople went back to their work, grumbling every step of the way.

Then, one day, the unthinkable happened.

A wolf DID appear, and the shepherd boy looked on with fear as the wolf attacked a lamb.

"Help! Wolf!" he cried helplessly, as the wolf attacked one lamb after another.

The townspeople just shrugged and said to each other, "He is bored again. The little liar. Ignore him." as they kept on with their work.

That night, the shepherd boy did not come home with his sheep.

The wolf was very full that night!