

The Shepherd Boy

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Long ago there was a boy who tended his sheep in a valley near a dark forest. Each day was the same with nothing to do but watch the sheep graze. One day he decided he needed some company, so he ran to the village yelling, “Wolf, Wolf.” The people of the village ran to the valley to protect the sheep and the boy. The boy was excited to see the villagers, but they were disappointed there was no wolf. A few weeks later the boy was feeling lonely and cried, “Wolf, Wolf,” again. The villagers came to help, but left angry and upset at the boy. A few days later the boy was watching the sheep when he noticed something in the forest. As it came closer, he could see it was a wolf circling the flock ready to pounce on the sheep. He began to yell, “Wolf, Wolf” to alert the villagers. They heard his cries, but were not going to fall for that trick again and did not run to the valley. The boy was left to protect the sheep on his own, but he could not save them by himself against the wolf.