

Please Stop Crying Wolf

Long time ago, there was once a shepherd boy named Danny. He sat on the hillside and took care of the sheep. One day, Danny was bored and tried to amuse himself. He climbed to the top of the tall tree and called out, “Wolf! Wolf! The wolf is chasing the sheep.” The villagers heard Danny and ran up to the hill to help Danny. “What happened? Where is the wolf?” asked the villagers. Danny laughed out loud and said, “There’s no wolf. How stupid you are!” The mad villagers went back home.

Few months later, Danny felt bored again while looking after the sheep. He climbed up the tree and called out, “Wolf! Wolf! The wolf is chasing the sheep.” The villagers ran up to the hill again and asked, “Where’s the wolf? Let’s drive the wolf away.” Danny laughed out loud and said, “How silly you are! There’s no wolf here.” One of the villagers told Danny, “Please behave yourself. Don’t cry wolf when there’s no wolf.” But Danny just watched the villagers go down the hill again.

However, a big bad wolf showed up at the hill the next day. Danny was nervous and shouted loudly, “Wolf! Wolf! A real wolf is chasing the sheep!” However, the villagers thought Danny was joking again. No one came to help him. Poor Danny was really in trouble!

Danny was really sad and cried loudly, “The sheep are gone. I want them back!” Jim, one of the villagers, saw him crying and came. “What happened, Danny?” asked Jim. “There was really a wolf here! I called out but nobody came to help.” cried Danny. Jim tried to comfort Danny, “We’ll help you look for the lost sheep tomorrow morning. But you have to keep it in your mind that no one believes a liar even when he is telling the truth.”