

Following Directions: "The Boy Who Cried Wolf"

Directions: Read the fable "The Boy Who Cried Wolf." Then complete the puzzle.

Once there was a shepherd boy who tended his sheep alone. Sheep are gentle animals. They are easy to take care of. The boy grew bored.

"I can't stand another minute alone with these sheep," he said crossly. He knew only one thing would bring people quickly to him. If he cried, "Wolf!" the men in the village would run up the mountain. They would come to help save the sheep from the wolf.

"Wolf!" he yelled loudly, and he blew on his horn.

Quick as a wink, a dozen men came running. When they realized it was a joke, they were very angry. The boy promised never to do it again. But a week later, he grew bored and cried, "Wolf!" again. Again, the men ran to him. This time they were very, very angry.

Soon afterwards, a wolf really came. The boy was scared. "Wolf!" he cried. "Wolf! Wolf! Wolf!"

He blew his horn, but no one came, and the wolf ate all his sheep.

The crossword puzzle grid consists of the following numbered squares:

- 1**: A single square at the top center.
- 2**: A horizontal row of 7 squares on the left side.
- 3**: A vertical column of 3 squares on the right side.
- 4**: A horizontal row of 2 squares on the right side.
- 5**: A horizontal row of 4 squares at the bottom.

The illustration shows a shepherd boy sitting on the ground with two sheep, holding a staff. A wolf is shown running towards the sheep on the right.

Across:

- 2. This is where the boy tends sheep.
- 4. When no one came, the wolf _____ all the sheep.
- 5. Sheep are _____ and easy to take care of.

Down:

- 1. The people who come are from here.
- 2. At first, when the boy cries, "Wolf!" the _____ come running.
- 3. When a wolf really comes, this is how the boy feels.