

# 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.

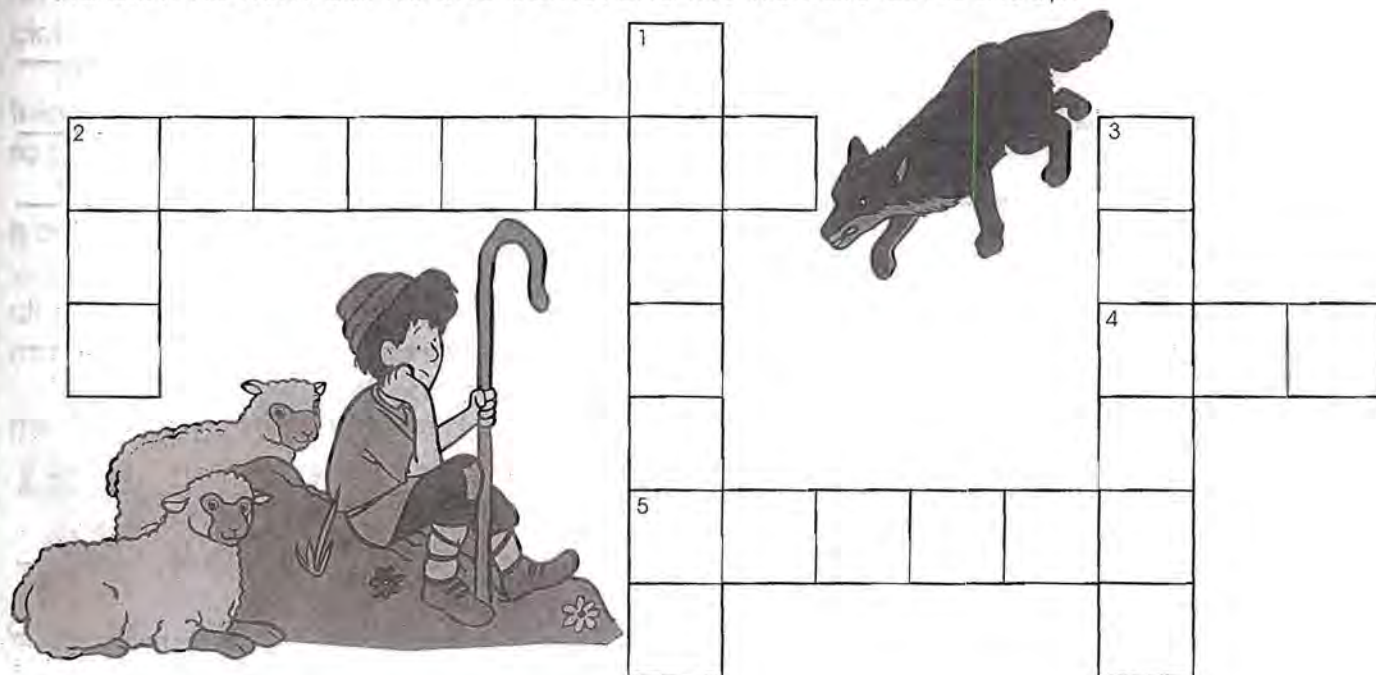
"I can't stand another minute alone with these sheep," he said crossly. He knew only one thing would bring people quickly to him. If he cried, "Wolf!" the men in the village would run up the mountain. They would come to help save the sheep from the wolf.

"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.



**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.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

# Cause and Effect: "The Boy Who Cried Wolf"

**Directions:** Identify the underlined words as a cause or an effect.

1. The boy cries wolf because he is bored. \_\_\_\_\_

2. The boy blows his horn and the men come running. \_\_\_\_\_

3. No one comes, and the wolf eats all the sheep. \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** Answer the questions.

4. What lesson can be learned from this story? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. How is this story like the two other fables you read? \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Is the boy in the story more like the fox or the hare? How so? \_\_\_\_\_

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