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The Boy Who Fibbed

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A boy named Tim watched the sheep on a hill.

It was dull. One day he had a bad plan.

He ran down and yelled, "Wolf! A wolf!"

The men ran up the hill. But there was no wolf.

Tim laughed. "I fooled you!" he said. The men went home mad.

The next day he did it again. "Wolf! Wolf!" he yelled.

The men ran up once more. There was still no wolf.

An old man said, "Do not fib, Tim." Tim did not stop.

One night, a real wolf came out of the trees.

"A wolf!" yelled Tim. "It is real!" He ran to town.

But nobody came. "It is a trick," said the men.

The wolf ran at the sheep. They ran off. It went away.

Tim looked all night. At last he found the sheep.

The old man helped him bring them home.

"Nobody believes a fibber," he said. Tim never fibbed again.

Questions

1. Where did Tim watch the sheep?

A. On a hill
B. In a boat
C. In a barn

2. What did the men find the first time?

A. A wolf
B. No wolf
C. A fox

3. Why did nobody come the last time?

A. They did not hear him
B. They thought it was a trick
C. They were asleep

4. Who helped Tim bring the sheep home?

A. A fox
B. His dad
C. An old man

5. What does this fable show?

A. Sheep can run
B. Nobody believes a fibber
C. Wolves are big

Words to know

fibbed: told a made-up tale
trick: a joke to fool you
real: not made up

Answer key: The Boy Who Fibbed

1. A. On a hill
2. B. No wolf
3. B. They thought it was a trick
4. C. An old man
5. B. Nobody believes a fibber