Identifying Main Idea: The Boy Who Cried Wolf

Read the folktale.

Long ago there was a shepherd boy who lived next to a small village. The boy's job as shepherd was to watch his family's sheep and make sure none of them got away or got injured. The boy grew tired and bored of his job and decided to have some fun.

"Wolf! Wolf!" he shouted. Villagers nearby ran to help the boy and try to save the sheep, but when they got there they realized it was just a trick and there was no wolf. They were angry that they had come to help just to be laughed at by the shepherd boy.

The next day the boy was walking with his herd of sheep when he noticed a wolf hiding in the trees nearby.

"Wolf! Wolf!" he screamed. But nobody came. He shouted again. "Wolf! Wolf." Again, no one paid any attention to him. They did not believe the boy after what he had done the day before.

Check off the box with the theme of this folktale.

 It is important to tell the truth.

 Wolves will eat sheep.

 You need to work hard to be rewarded.

The Boy Who Cried Wolf Part 2 Worksheet



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