Story Message and Lesson

Grade 2 Reading Worksheet

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   - If you tell lies, people may not believe you.
   - A good shepherd should always stay home all day.

2. Why did the villagers stay home the last time?
   - They thought the boy was joking again.
   - They could not hear the boy shouting.
   - They were busy cooking their big supper.

3. What did the boy do when he felt bored?
   - He counted all the sheep on the hill.
   - He shouted that a wolf was there.
   - He told the villagers to come and rest.

4. What happened the first time the boy shouted?
   - The villagers ran up the hill to help.
   - A wolf chased the sheep across the hill.
   - The villagers laughed and stayed at home.

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