**Teaching Honesty with The Wolf Who Cried Boy**

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**Grades**: 1-3

**CASEL Standard: Self-Management-** The ability to manage one’s emotions, thoughts and behaviors effectively in different situations and to achieve goals and aspirations.

**Character Education Lesson Objective**: To understand what honesty is and why it is important

**Materials:**

* [The Wolf Who Cried Boy video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mT6ZfWRDFjU) by B.J. Hennessy
* [Honesty Matching Student Worksheet](https://www.educationworld.com/sites/default/files/Honesty-Matching-Worksheet-1.pdf)
* [The \_\_\_Who Cried \_\_\_ worksheet](https://www.educationworld.com/sites/default/files/The-Who-Cried-Worksheet.pdf)

**Part 1:**

* Have you ever said something that wasn’t true to try to trick someone or be funny?  What happened?
* Sometimes we like to try to play tricks on our family or friends to be silly.  That can be fun, but, even when playing a trick or being silly, it is important to be honest.
* What is honesty?  Honesty is telling the truth.  This means that you tell what really happened.
* Why do you think it is important to be honest?
* When you are honest, people can trust you and know that what you are saying is always true.
* If you are dishonest or do not tell the truth, even one time, people could start to not trust you and believe what you are saying.
* You are going to be doing a matching worksheet.  You will read the situation and then draw a line to match the situation to the way that the person in the situation should behave.
* When you are done, we will go over your answers.
* After the students have completed the worksheet, talk about each situation and how it should be handled in an honest way.

**Part 2:**

* We are going to be reading a book called, The Wolf Who Cried Boy by B.J. Hennessy.
* Read the book.
* What was the Little Wolf unhappy about when it was dinner time?
* What did Father Wolf say would happen if Little Wolf ever saw a boy?
* Do you think Little Wolf made a good choice when he yelled “Boy!” even though he hadn’t seen one?  Why or why not?
* Do you think it is alright to play tricks on people?  Why or why not?
* How did Father Wolf figure out that Little Wolf was not being honest about seeing a boy?
* What happened when the Little Wolf saw a whole group of boys?  Why?
* Why do you think it is important to tell the truth?

**Part 3:**

* Little Wolf did not tell his parents the truth about seeing a boy two days in a row.  When he finally did see a group of boys, his parents did not believe him.
* When you are not honest, people do not trust you and believe what you are saying.
* You are going to be writing a story, just like The Wolf Who Cried Boy.  You can write about a person or an animal who does not tell the truth.  You should then write about what happens because of that.
* For example, I might write, “The Cat Who Cried Bird.”  I would write a story about a young cat who kept saying that there was a bird to catch.  The other cats would come running and there was no bird.  One day, the young cat really did see a bird, but none of the other cats came and the bird flew away.
* After you have finished writing your story, you will have a chance to share them.
* When the students have completed their stories, allow them to share.