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**The Boy Who
Cried Wolf**

RETOLD

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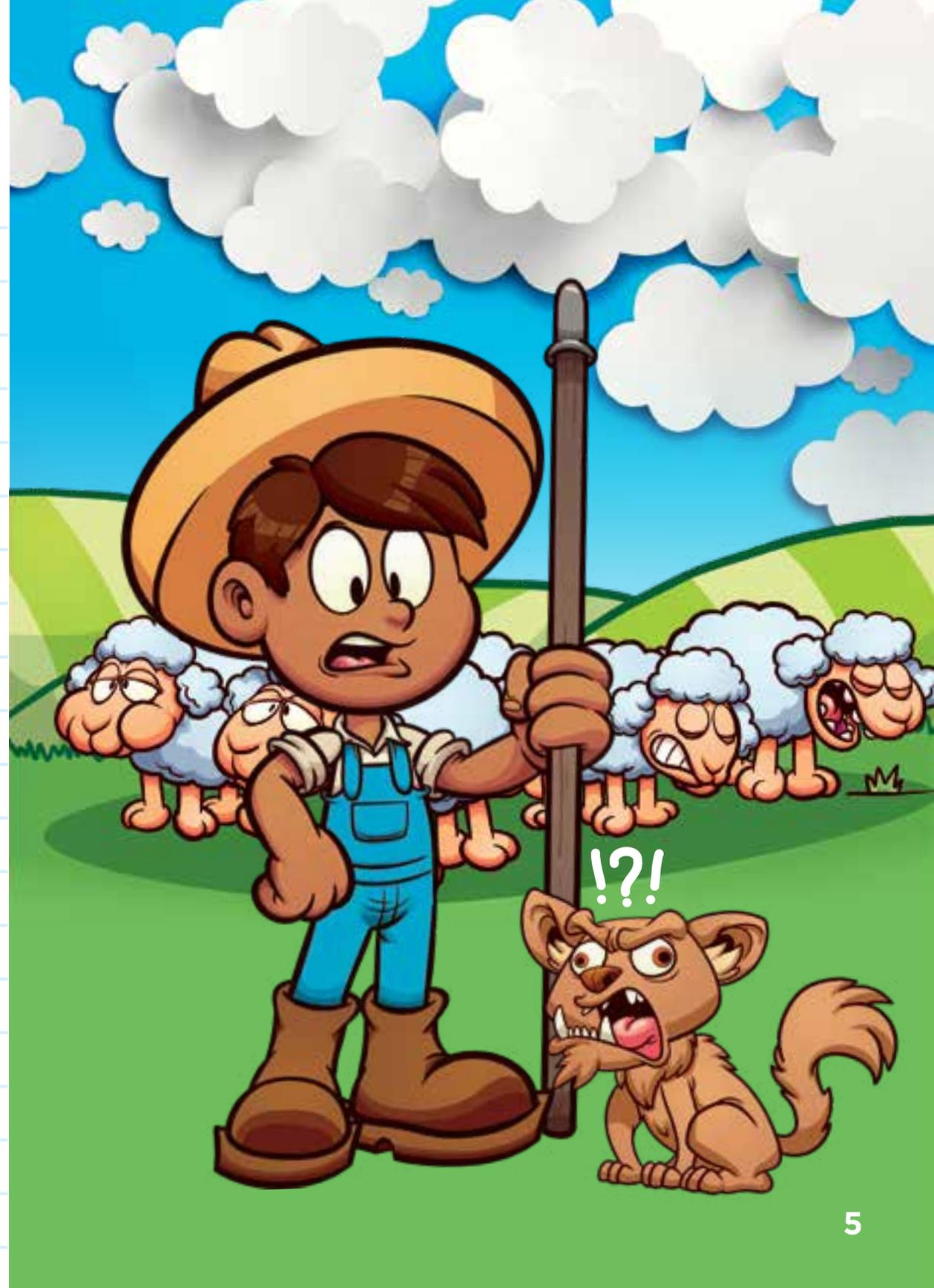
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Story Time!

One sunny day, a shepherd boy was taking care of sheep in a field. The boy thought watching sheep was very boring. It was more boring than a phone with a dead battery. It was worse than eating spinach with a side of shower drain hair.

The boy tried talking to his dog. "Why do you lick your butt anyway?" But the dog did not talk back.



The boy tried talking to himself.
“What farm animal is the quietest?”



He didn't even laugh at his own joke. The boy needed something to do! Then he got an idea. He remembered that his boss told him to call the **villagers** if he saw a wolf. The villagers would come and drive it away. Why not **pretend** to see a wolf? Everyone would come running. They could hang out. They could tell sheep jokes. Maybe someone would have a phone charger.

So the shepherd boy decided to try his idea. He threw back his head and yelled out. "Wolf! There's totally a wolf here! I'm not even kidding!"

The villagers came running. They looked all around. "Where's the wolf?" they asked.

The boy rolled on the ground laughing. "You guys look **ridiculous!** This is a great joke! Since you're here, do you want to play a game?"

The angry villagers did not want to play. They went back home.

