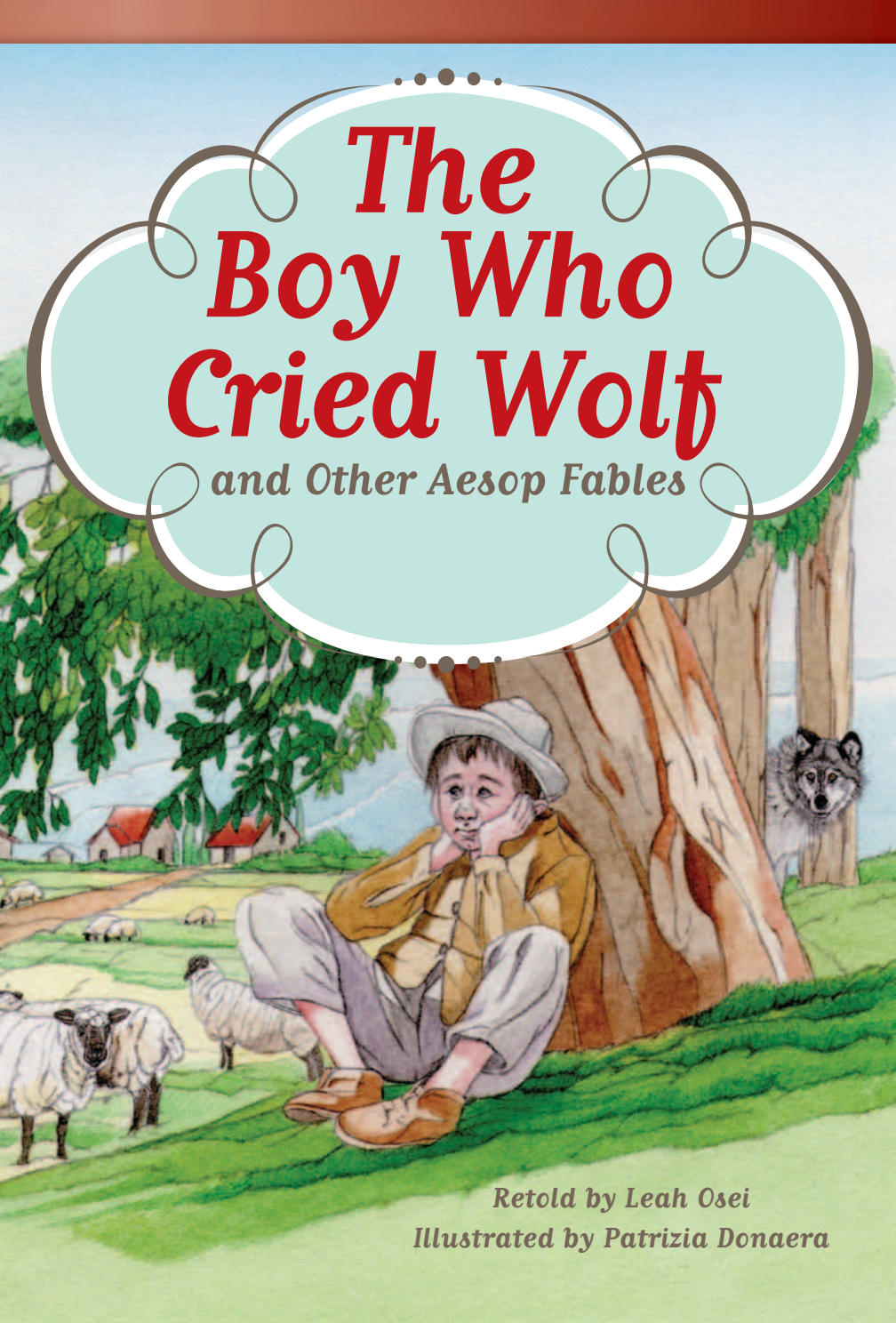
# The Boy Who Cried Wolf

## and Other Aesop Fables



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## Foreword

Aesop's fables are among the oldest stories in the world. No one knows who Aesop was, although it is thought he was a slave who lived in ancient Greece. The stories he told were not written down until about two hundred years later. They were written in Greek and Latin first and then later in English.

# The Boy Who Cried Wolf

Once there was a boy who had to look after a flock of sheep every day as they grazed near a village. One day, it was raining and the boy was bored, so he decided to play a trick on the villagers.

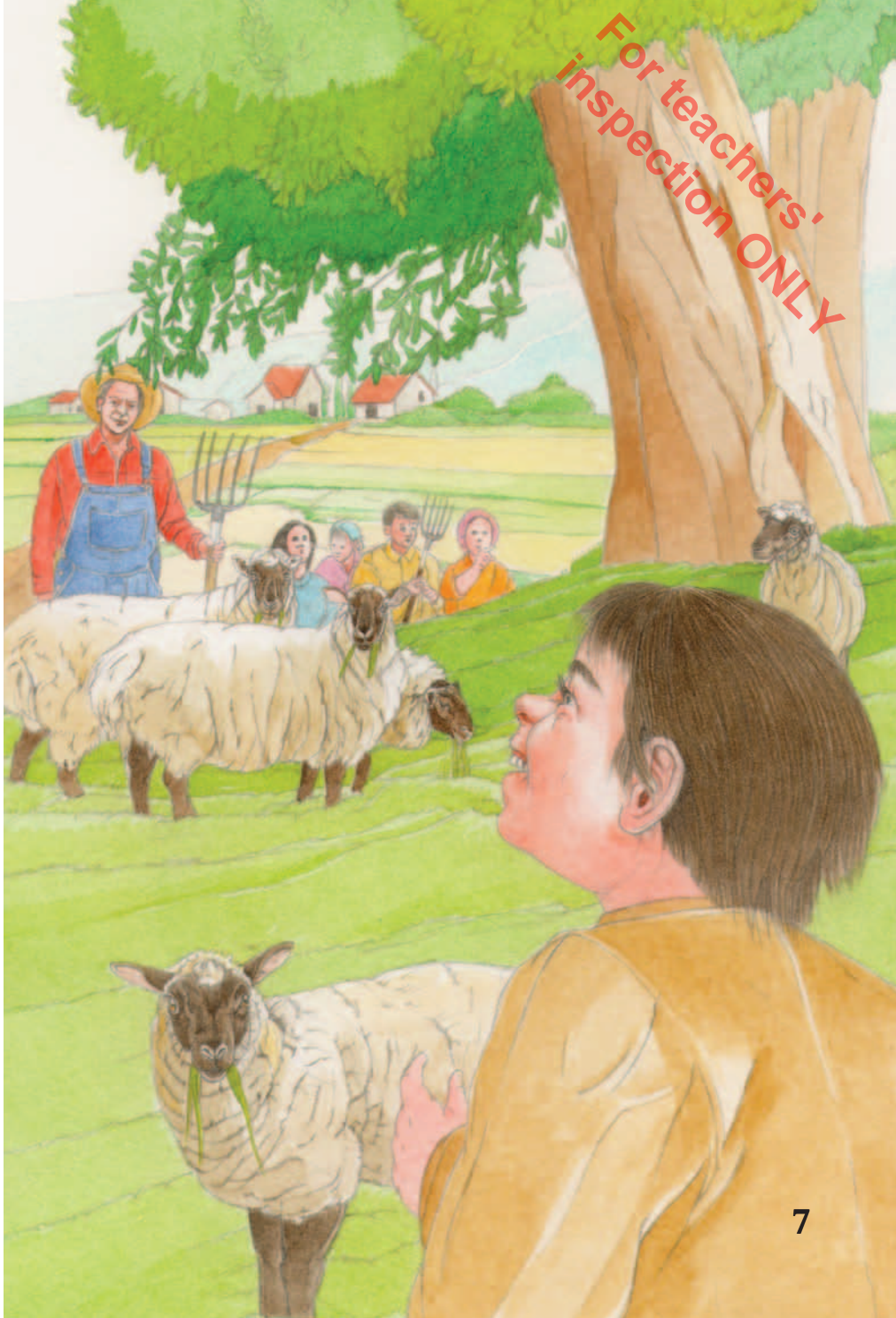
"Wolf! Wolf!" he shouted as loudly as possible. "A wolf is attacking the sheep!"

The villagers immediately ran to where the sheep were grazing. They ran as fast as the wind to drive away the wolf.

When they rushed to the field and found the sheep were quite safe, the boy laughed and laughed. The villagers did not find it funny.

The next day, the boy shouted as loudly as possible, "Wolf! Wolf! A wolf is attacking the sheep!"





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The villagers ran to the field as fast as the wind. Again, they found the sheep were safely grazing on the lush green grass. The boy laughed more than ever, but the villagers found it even less funny.

On the third day, a wolf really did come. "Wolf! Wolf!" shouted the boy as the sheep ran in all directions, trying to escape from the wolf.

"Oh, please, come quickly!" the boy cried. But none of the villagers took any notice of his cries. No one ran to the field because they thought the boy was playing tricks, just as he had done before.

**If you tell lies, no one will believe you when you tell the truth.**

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