



## Act 4

**Narrator:** Later that day, Joshua becomes bored again. He sings to entertain himself.

### Song: Bought Me a Cat

**Narrator:** But Joshua is still bored. He remembers the fun he had. So, he blows into his horn with all his might. His mother drops her basket of grain.

**Mama:** Eric! Joshua has blown his horn, so he's surely in terrible danger this time!

**Sheep:** He must see the wolf!

**Eric:** Let's go! We must rescue them!

**Narrator:** The villagers, Eric, and the boys' mother charge up the hill. But Joshua can't be found.

**Mama:** The monstrous wolf has taken him!



**Narrator:** Laughing, Joshua pops up behind three sheep.

**Joshua:** Here I am, Mama, safe and sound!

**Narrator:** Angry, Eric steps forward.

**Eric:** What is the meaning of this? We have work to do! Your games waste time.

**Mama:** Behave yourself, Joshua. You should be ashamed of such practical jokes. This is no way to treat your family and neighbors who ran to your rescue.

**Sheep:** Or your flock! Your family values our wool, and so should you.

**Narrator:** Joshua goes to his mother and brother and faces his neighbors.



**Joshua:** I meant no harm. I'm just a boy who likes to have fun. Go back to your chores. I will, too.

**Wolf:** Lucky for me, there is harm done. You've lost their trust!

**Sheep:** Meant no harm? We were frightened. He wanted to see everyone run and worry. He is a terrible boy.

**Narrator:** The villagers shake their heads and grumble as they walk down the hill.

**Wolf:** You tried to make them feel foolish. But you are the fool, Joshua.

## Act 5

**Narrator:** The sun begins to set. The sheep bleat nervously that it is time to go home.



**Joshua:** Our day is done here. Let's walk by the stream and search for the scary wolf tracks Eric says he spotted. I'll prove there is no wolf to fear.

**Sheep:** Is he crazy? That's where the tracks were seen.

**Narrator:** The wolf climbs a rocky ledge and looks down on Joshua and his flock.

**Wolf:** Now it is my time to strike. These sheep will be my dinner tonight.

**Narrator:** The wolf bares his teeth and growls. Joshua sees the wolf and screams! He holds his staff across his chest.

**Joshua:** Eric! You were right. There is a wolf with hideous fangs and terrible claws.

**Sheep:** Blow your horn, you foolish boy!