

THE KID AND THE WOLF

Aesop Fable

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Setting: Uncle Walter's farm; a sheep shelter

Characters:

Narrator

Uncle Walter

Kenny Kid, a baby goat

Willy Wolf

Narrator: Once upon a time, on Uncle Walter's farm, there was a little house called a sheep shelter. The walls were made of wooden planks and sturdy straw was thatched tightly on the roof. When wolves were roaming around the farm, Uncle Walter would put Kenny Kid, his baby sheep, on the top of the shelter for safe keeping.

Uncle: Looks like sunny weather today! And that means only one thing. The wolves will come around looking for their supper. I'd better put little Kenny Kid on top of the sheep shelter.

Narrator: Uncle Walter looped a rope around Kenny Kid's neck and gently led the little goat to the wooden walkway leading to the top of the shelter.

Uncle: Come on now, Kenny Kid. It's no time to be acting up.

Kenny: (baaaaa! baaaa!) I don't want that rope around my neck. Ouch! It's scratchy. I don't want to go up on the roof either – no! not on a hot day like this!

Uncle: Aw, now, Kenny Kid, be a good little fellar. All right. I'll build a little wind breaker so you can rest in the shade.

Narrator: So Uncle Walter built a little wall that made the roof cool and shady.

Uncle: It's all done, little Kenny. Now, up you go!

Kenny: (baaaaa! baaaa!) I guess it's not so bad now in the cool shade. Ahhh... I think I'll take a little nap.

Narrator: Meanwhile, Willy Wolf was sneaking around the farm fields when he spied something on the roof of the sheep shelter.

Willy: (sly voice) What have we here? I'll rise up on tiptoe to see what it is.

Narrator: And so Willy Wolf stretched high on his tiptoes and what did he see? He saw Kenny Kid.

Kenny: (baaaaa! baaaaa!) Whose eyes are those looking at me? I'm going to walk right over to the roof's edge and see who is there. Oh, it's just Willy Wolf. (laughing) What are you doing at the sheep shelter? Haven't you had a tasty meal today? Well, you can't catch me! (sticking his tongue out) La la la la la!

Willy: I can hear what you're saying.

Kenny: Oh, (laughing) is that why you have such long ears? And that nose? It looks great for sniffing tasty food like me. I bet you're just wanting to grab me and take me home for supper. Well, you CAN'T! Ha, ha!

Willy: All right, Kenny. You better watch what you're saying. It's only because you're on top of the roof where I can't get you that you think you're so smart. Why don't you come down here and we can talk eye to eye.

Kenny: Oh! NO!

Willy: I thought so. Learn this lesson, little Kenny Kid. Do not say anything at any time that you would not say at *all times*.

Narrator: And with that, Willy held his head up high as he walked toward the corn field. And Kenny Kid just stood there thinking.