The boys who cried “robber!”

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| A picture containing toy, floor, indoor, tree  Description automatically generated  The boys and mum went with Tilly, the dog, to the park. | A picture containing grass, sky, person, child  Description automatically generated  ‘Come on Tilly’, John shouted, ‘Let’s go play!’ | A picture containing sky, grass, tree  Description automatically generated  The boys played with Tilly while mum went for a snooze by a tree. |
| A picture containing grass  Description automatically generated  Tilly ran behind a tree. Sniggering, the boys cried ‘Mum, mum, a robber has taken the dog!’ | A picture containing grass, floor  Description automatically generated  Terrified, Mum sprinted over to John and Garry. | A picture containing toy, grass, table, indoor  Description automatically generated  ‘The dog is behind the tree! That wasn’t funny boys.” |
| A picture containing grass, sky, tree, outdoor  Description automatically generated  Angrily, Mum grumbled and went back for her snooze. | A picture containing grass, toy, tree  Description automatically generated  The boys continued to play with Tilly. | A picture containing grass, tree  Description automatically generated  Tilly ran off again! |
| A picture containing toy, table, grass, tree  Description automatically generated  Mischievously, the boys shouted “A robber nicked the dog mum!” Mum came running again. | A picture containing tree, table, cake, indoor  Description automatically generated  Garry and John fell over laughing while mum said “Stop being silly, the dog is behind a tree.” | A picture containing grass, sky, tree, outdoor  Description automatically generated  She went back a second time for her snooze. |
| A picture containing grass, cake, tree, indoor  Description automatically generated  The kids carried on playing and didn’t notice some robbers behind a tree. | A group of people on a field  Description automatically generated  Then, the robbers jumped out one distracted them while the other took the dog! | A picture containing grass, LEGO, toy, child  Description automatically generated  “Where’s Tilly?” asked Garry. “I don’t know,” cried John. |
| A picture containing table, toy, indoor, LEGO  Description automatically generated  The boys ran back to mum and yelled “Robbers stole the dog for real!” | A picture containing grass, sky, child, cake  Description automatically generated  But mum kept on sleeping, she didn’t believe them, she thought it was another joke. | A picture containing grass, sky  Description automatically generated  The boys collapsed in disbelief and started to cry! |

The End

This parable teaches us not to pretend we need help when we don’t, because if you pretend too many times people might not believe you when you really do need help.