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A young goat was walking  
across a field.  
Suddenly, a hungry wolf jumped  
out of the bushes.





The goat ran for his life, but the wolf soon **caught** him.



The hungry wolf licked his lips.  
He opened his jaws to eat the goat.



“Wait!” cried the goat before  
the wolf could gobble him up.  
“Do me one **favor** before you eat  
me!” he **begged**.





“What favor is that?” asked the wolf.

“It’s a small thing, really,” said the goat.



“I want to hear music once more  
in my life,” said the goat.

“Would you please sing me a song  
before you eat me?” he asked.



The wolf thought for a moment.  
“Why not?” he laughed.  
“I can still eat you when I am done  
singing,” the wolf growled.





So the wolf began to **howl** out  
a song for the goat.  
His mighty voice was loud  
and strong.





A pack of dogs lived nearby  
on a farm.



The wolf's howls soon brought the farmer's dogs running.



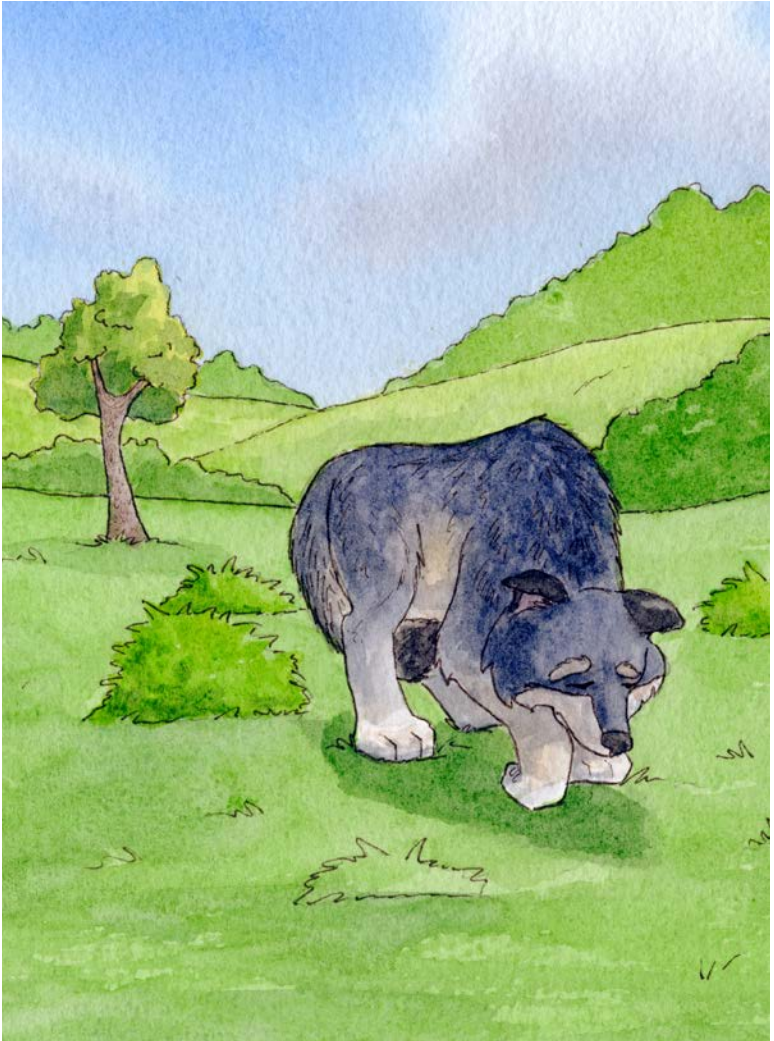
The pack of dogs quickly chased off the wolf.





The young goat laughed when he saw the wolf run away.  
“That was the best song I ever heard!” he chuckled.





The wolf learned an important lesson that day.

Do not become **distracted** when a **goal** is within reach.

## Glossary

**begged** (v.) asked in an emotional way for something (p. 6)

**caught** (v.) grabbed and held something (p. 4)

**distracted** (adj.) unfocused or unable to pay attention to something (p. 15)

**favor** (n.) a special act of kindness (p. 6)

**goal** (n.) something that one is trying to do or accomplish (p. 15)

**howl** (v.) to make a long, loud cry (p. 10)

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