

## Spot's sad and happy day

The Shepherd asked Spot if he had broken the fence and let all the sheep out onto the road.

Spot didn't look the Shepherd in the eye, he looked at the ground and said, "It wasn't me it was Shirley the sheep, she broke the fence! I wasn't near the fence **ALL DAY!**"

The Shepherd looked at Spot - very closely!

Then he asked Shirley the sheep if she had broken the fence and let all the sheep onto the road? She said it wasn't her – She also said she'd tried to warn the sheep to stay away from the road!

Who was telling the truth? Who was telling a lie?

That night Spot couldn't sleep! Why do you think that was?

The next day Spot went to the Shepherd and spoke very quietly as he looked at the ground... He said "I'm really sorry... **I BROKE THE FENCE!** I was scared I'd get into trouble so I blamed Shirley the sheep!"

The Shepherd spoke quietly to Spot, "I always want you to tell the truth! And you need my help to do that." Then he said something amazing – He said these words "If you're really sorry I will forgive you". My forgiveness is always there for you. But you **ALSO** need to say sorry to Shirley the sheep because you told a lie and said that she broke the fence!

So SPOT said sorry to Shirley the sheep. **AND THEN HE HELPED FIX THE FENCE!**

**Telling a lie hurts other people? BUT God wants us to tell the truth.  
He forgives us when we say SORRY. Let's thank God for His forgiveness.**

**"Do not tell lies about others."  
Exodus 20:16 (CEV)**

**"You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour."  
Exodus 20:16 (NIV)**



Tell the truth  
Say sorry

Do not tell lies  
I forgive you