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There was a boy named Tim

Who no one believed.

Adapted from the original text, The Boy Who Cried Ninja, by Alex Latimer
When his mom asked him what happened to the last slice of cake, he told her the truth.

“A ninja ate the cake,” cried Tim.
First the ninja walked into the house.

Then he kicked and ate the cake.

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When dad asked Tim where the hammer was

Tim told him the truth.

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An astronaut landed in the yard.

The astronaut needed the hammer to fix his spaceship...

He’s got your hammer.

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Grampa asked if Tim did his homework

Tim told the truth.

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A giant squid ate my book bag while I was off buying an ice cream.

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Tim’s parents were upset with Tim for telling lies.
He thought about telling lies...

Then no one would be mad at him.

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So the next time a pirate jumped out of the cupboard...
And drank all the tea straight from the pot,

He lied.
And the next time a crocodile landed on the roof

And broke the TV antenna

He lied.

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And the next time a monkey appeared on top of the TV and started throwing pencils at Grampa while he was sleeping, Tim said it was him.
But no one believed him.

Tim’s parents told him to go and

water the garden and think.
If Tim told the truth, he was in trouble.

If Tim lied he was in trouble.

What could Tim do?

Tim had an idea.

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Tim found some paper and some stamps.

Tim wrote six letters.
Dad was fixing the house.

Grampa was reading the newspaper.

Mom was vacuuming.
The doorbell rang. “Who is at the door?”

Tim went to the door.
At the door stood....

a ninja, an astronaut, a giant squid,

A pirate, a crocodile, and a monkey.
Tim’s parents believed him. They said sorry and promised to buy him a hundred ice creams.
Tim’s parents were very upset and told the
ninja, the astronaut, the squid, the pirate,
the crocodiles, and the monkey to clean the yard.
When they had cleaned the yard,

there was a party.

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It was the best party Tim had.

Everyone told the truth.