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Fable's Message

Directions: Read the fable carefully. Think about the **lesson or message** the story is teaching. This is called the **theme**. Write down the theme in one clear sentence. Then, find **two examples from the text** that support the theme.

The Fox and the Lost Grapes

A clever fox often bragged that he could trick anyone. One day, while walking through the orchard, he spotted a basket of grapes that belonged to the farmer. Instead of asking, the fox told himself, "If I sneak a few grapes, no one will know."

He took the grapes, but soon the farmer noticed. "Did you eat these?" the farmer asked. The fox quickly lied, shaking his head. Later, the fox's own friends came to visit. They saw the grape juice on his fur and laughed at his clumsy lie. Embarrassed, the fox finally admitted what he had done.

From then on, the fox realized that lying only made him lose respect. He learned that being honest was far better than trying to look clever.

What is the **theme** of the story?

List **two examples from the text** that support this theme.