

## **THE FOX AND THE WOODCUTTER**

*(Aesop's Fable)*

**Verbal and non-verbal language should match.**

**We can speak with our words and with our bodies. Make sure that both agree.**

A Fox, running before the hounds, came across a Woodcutter and begged him to show him a safe hiding-place. The Woodcutter told him to take shelter in his own hut, so the Fox crept in and hid himself in a corner.

The Huntsman soon came up with his hounds and inquired of the Woodcutter if he had seen the Fox. He declared that he had not seen him, yet as he was speaking he was pointing out to his hut, where the Fox lay hidden.

The Huntsman took no notice of the signs, but believing his word, hastened forward in the chase. As soon as the hounds were well away, the Fox departed without taking any notice of the Woodcutter:

The Wood-cutter reproached the Fox, saying, "You ungrateful fellow, you owe your life to me, and yet you leave me without a word of thanks." The Fox replied, "Indeed, I should have thanked you if your deeds had been as good as your words, and if your hands had not been traitors to your speech."