

## **Story 20: The Boy in the Cemetery**

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## The Story:

Once upon a time, a gang of 4-5 horsemen were passing through a cemetery when they heard a child crying in the cemetery. As the gang passed by, the child stepped on the road from the cemetery. One of them took pity on the child and said: "They have forgotten this child, let's take him with us, it is a pity he is crying" and took the child on his horse.

The person who took the child on his horse rode at the back and the other horsemen rode 15-20 meters in front of him. Then the horse of the person who had taken the child started to go with difficulty. The man bent down and looked at the horse's feet and saw that the child's feet reached to the ground and he was braking the horse with his feet. The horse could not go and stopped. The man called out to his friends behind him. The other gang members looked back and saw that the little boy was even bigger and taller than the horse.

It turned out that the boy (believed to be a demon) had a certain distance limit from the graveyard and they exceeded that limit. Then, with the morning call to prayer, the boy disappeared and they never saw him again.

**Story Moral:** This is a scary story told to children to make them afraid and keep them off cemeteries.