



The Lion and the Mouse

Once when a Lion was asleep, a little Mouse began running up and down upon him; this soon wakened the Lion, who placed his huge paw upon him, and opened his big jaws to swallow him.

"Pardon, O King," cried the little Mouse, "forgive me this time, I shall never forget it. Who knows but I may be able to do you a turn some of these days?"



The Lion was so tickled at the idea of the Mouse being able to help him that he lifted up his paw and let him go.

Some time hunters, who desired to carry him alive to the King, tied him to a tree while they went in search of a wagon to carry him on.

Just then the little Mouse happened to pass by, and seeing the sad plight in which the Lion was, went up to him and soon gnawed away the ropes that bound the King of the Beasts.



Was I not right?" said the little Mouse.

Message: Little friends may prove great friends.

Vocabularies:

1. Paw- The foot of an animal, especially a quadruped, that has

claws or nails.

2. Gnawed- To bite, chew on, or erode with the teeth.

Let's Talk:

1. How did the little mouse waken the lion?
2. Why didn't the lion swallow him?
3. How did the little mouse help the lion?

4. How did the lion and the little mouse become friends?
5. What is meant by the message of the story?
6. Do you have friends? What is friendship?
7. How do you show concern and care to your friends?