

## 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 the Mouse and

opened his big jaws to swallow him. "Pardon, O King," cried the little Mouse, "forgive me this time, and I shall never forget it. Who knows but I may be able to do you a favor one day." 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. Sometime after, the Lion was caught in a trap by some hunters, and although he was a very large and powerful lion, he couldn't break free. Just then the little Mouse happened to pass by and, seeing the poor Lion trapped like this, went up to him and with his tiny teeth soon gnawed away the ropes that bound the King of the Beasts. "Was I not right?" said the little Mouse.

### The Lesson:

Little friends may prove to be great friends.

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### Questions to Discuss

1. Who had a problem in this story?
2. What was the Mouse's problem? What was the Lion's problem?
3. What does it mean that the Lion was "tickled"? Why was the lion *tickled*?
4. At the end of the story the Mouse says he was right. What was he right about?
5. Who learned a lesson in this story? What was the lesson?
6. Could this same lesson apply to children, too? Could children help people who are bigger than they are? Give an example.