**Story for Grade 2 Lesson 10 on being a good friend**

**Throughout His life, Abdu’l Baha brought all different kinds of people together- old and young, rich and poor, of all religions and backgrounds- and helped them to learn the ways of unity. Here is a story that shows how Abdu’l-Baha brought two hearts together.**

Every day many people came to visit Abdu’l-Baha in His home, and He welcomed them all with open arms. One day, a gentleman arrived at the house and was greeted warmly. Sometime later, while this gentleman was still visiting with Abdu’l-Baha, a second man came to call, and he, too, was warmly welcomed. Now, it so happened that these two gentlemen had had a disagreement, and they were not at all happy to see each other. In fact, they did not even want to be in the same room together. What would happen? Both wanted to be with Abdu’l-Baha. Would one of them decide to leave?

Abdu’l-Baha resolved the matter immediately. He started by telling some funny stories, and before long, both men were laughing. Then He said that His home was a home of peace and joy, a home of laughter and exultation. He did not want them to leave with feelings of hatred in their hearts. The gentlemen listened carefully, thinking about Abdu’l-Baha’s words. After a while, Abdul-Baha gave them each some sweets and a silk handkerchief (HAVE SWEETS AND A SILK HANKY OUT AS PROPS). These were to be, He indicated, a token of their pledge of friendship. The two men smiled. They recognized that it was God Who had directed their steps to Abdu’l-Baha’s home that day. And they went away from Abdu’l-Baha’s presence joyful and full of laughter.

**What do you take away from this story?**

**In following the ways of Abdu’l-Baha, we never allow differences to come between us, and, if misunderstandings ever arise, we think of our love for God and look for those things that unite us.**