**Grade 2 Lesson 17 Story**

With His heart filled with the love of God, 'Abdu'l-Baha spent every moment in service to humanity. He is the perfect Example of how we should serve. I would like to tell you a story about Abdu’l-Baha.

There once was a very proud man who did not understand the Station of 'Abdu 'l-Baha. One day, he approached Abdul-Baha in the street and said, "So, You are called the Servant of God." 'Abdu 'l-Baha replied that, indeed, that was His name. The name 'Abdu 'l-Baha actually means " Servant of Baha" or Servant of God.

"Well," said the man proudly, "I am Moses." Now, the man was referring to the Prophet of God, Moses, and it was not really his name at all. We will learn more about Moses next year when we study the lives of many of the Messengers of God, like Moses, Jesus, Buddha, Krishna, Muhammad, the Bab and Bahau’llah, but for today you need to know that Moses was one of the Messengers of God that came long before Baha'u'llah.

Why do you think he was calling himself Moses?

The man was trying to annoy 'Abdu 'l-Baha, but Abdul-Baha did not respond to his jest. Instead, He told the man to meet Him the next morning at the same spot on the street, and they would go together and serve the people like the great Moses had done.

The man agreed, and the next day from morning to evening he accompanied Abdul-Baha as He visited the sick and the suffering, served the needy and met with the people who were thirsty to receive His love and His wise counsel.

By evening, how do you think the man who called himself Moses was feeling? He was extremely tired. Yet, he would not let go of his pride, and when 'Abdu'l-Baha asked him to accompany Him the next day, he accepted.

Again by the evening of the second day the man was exhausted, but he accepted to accompany 'Abdu 'l-Baha for yet another day.

On the third day when they returned from their arduous work, do you think he wanted to go again? No! The man could not bear the thought of working so hard, not even for another minute.

He had learned his lesson and had caught a glimpse of 'Abdu 'l-Baha's greatness. So as they went to part ways, and before 'Abdu 'l-Baha could invite him for another day of work, the man said with great humility: " 'Abdu 'l-Baha, tomorrow morning I will no longer be Moses. "

**What can we learn from this story? What are some examples of ways we can serve others in our daily lives? (ex. sharing with others the Word of God)**