

Grade 1 Lesson 13 Story

Compassion

When 'Abdu'l-Bahá travelled to the West, in every city He visited, many people came to see Him and listen to His encouraging words.

Day and night He met with people of all kinds—the young and the old, the wealthy and the poor, officials and ordinary citizens. Some came out of their great love for the Master, and others came because they were curious about what He had to say.

One day a woman arrived at the home where the Master was staying and knocked on the door. She was an ordinary person who longed in her heart to spend a few moments with 'Abdu'l-Bahá.

“Do you have an appointment to see the Master?” asked the man who opened the door. She said that she did not. In that case, she was told, it would not be possible for her to see 'Abdu'l-Bahá as He was meeting with some very important people.

She turned away sadly and started walking down the steps in front of the house. What disappointment filled her heart!

But suddenly a messenger from 'Abdu'l-Bahá appeared, asking her to return. The Master wished to see her. His voice was heard saying with power and authority,

“A heart has been hurt. Hasten, hasten, bring her to me!”