

The Bear and the Two Friends One day, Dan and Jim walked down the road. "What a beautiful day!" said Dan. "Yes, this is a good day for a walk," said Jim. "It is not raining, and it is not hot." So they talked and walked. They walked and talked. They came to a mountain with lots of trees. Then Jim stopped talking. There was a bear behind a tree. Jim said nothing to Dan. In a minute, Jim was up in a tree. Then he called to his friend, "Oh Dan, there is a bear!" Dan did not have time to run. He did not have time to go up a tree. So he fell to the ground. He did not move. The bear walked over to him and smelled him. He made noises in Dan's ear. Dan still did not move. After some time, the bear went away. Bears do not eat dead people or animals. Then Jim came down from the tree. "Sorry," he said. "I wanted to tell you about the bear. But first, I wanted to get up the tree." Dan said nothing. He got up from the ground. "What did the bear say to you?" asked Jim. "He told me something very important," said Dan, "Oh, what was that?" asked Jim. "He told me about good friends. Good friends do not run away. Good friends help their friends." And Dan walked down the road alone.