**Poland- ‘Friendship’**

 What is friendship? Is it a condition, a feeling, or an attitude towards another person? Why do I need it?

 Is a friend only a person that I know? I know a lot of people because I know their name, age and address… But maybe that is not enough to call someone my friend? Maybe friendship is something more than that?

 While thinking about this, I realized that friendship is something wonderful. Friendship means sharing with someone the happy moments, but also the sad ones, helping someone in difficulties, understanding and looking after someone else.

 Is it worth to make friends? Is it good to have a true friend? Yes, definitely yes. It is worth to create the bond of friendship, and it is worth to become someone’s friend. Because who else, if not to a friend, would we tell about everything and share our deepest secrets, with whom else would we laugh without a reason and smile every time we see them? A friend is a person who is always honest, nice, helpful, who never abandons us and is always around when needed. In the difficult times a friend does not desert us but stands with us to face up to danger, evil, ridicule or humiliation…

 Can friendship let us down? Yes, but only when it is not a true friendship. Only a fake friendship can hurt us. But then, can we call it a friendship in the first place?

 Lately I’ve read a story by father Ignacy Krasicki titled “Friends.” It is about a small hare that lived with everyone in peace, was well-behaved and polite. He was everyone’s friend. Unfortunately, one day he found himself in a danger, he needed help…nobody helped him. Previous assurances of friendship, affection and loyalty failed. In time of a test all his friends became self-absorbed cowards, and the hare was left all alone, which ended tragically for him: “Among the dearest friends dogs ate the hare.”

 Do you think the proverb that says: “a friend in need is a friend indeed” is true?

What kind of a friend are you? Is your friendship a true friendship?