

THE DROWNING BOY

(Aesop's Fable)

Firs help. Then give counsel or scold.

A Boy bathing in a river was in danger of being drowned. He called out to a passing traveler for help, but instead of stretching his hand and holding him out, the man stood by unconcernedly, scolded the boy for his imprudence and started giving him advice. Oh sir!" Cried the boy, "Please, help me now, and scold me afterwards."