

## Small matters

### Read

Read the story below



### **Bundle of Sticks** *An Aesop Fable*

An old man who had five sons was worried that his sons would never learned to get along. He brought all of his sons together and ordered his servants to bring in a bundle of sticks. He said to his oldest son "Break it." The son tried and tried, but even with all his might he was unable to break the bundle. The other sons also tried, but none of them was successful. "Untie the bundle," said the father, "and each of you take a stick." When they had done so, he called out to them, "Now, break," and each stick was easily broken. "You see my meaning," said their father.

**Working together gives strength.**

### **After you read**

Answer the questions about the Bundle of sticks story.

1. How many sons did the old man have?

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2. What was the old man worried about?

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3. What did the old man use to get his sons together?

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4. Were any of the sons able to break the bundle of sticks?

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5. What was the father trying to teach his sons?

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