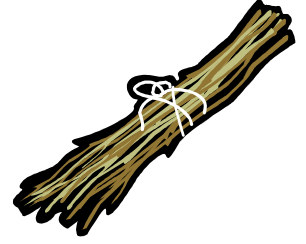


Sticking Together

Once, an old man was very ill and lay dying in his bed. He had three sons who were always fighting with each other.



1. How many sons did the old man have?

Two

Five

Four

Three

2. What were the three sons always doing?

The old man was worried about his sons and wanted to teach them a lesson so he asked them to come to him. When they came, the old man gave them a bundle of sticks and said, “Can you break this bundle of sticks?”

3. What did the old man want to teach his sons?

How to cook.

How to hunt.

How to sew.

A lesson.

4. What did the old man ask his sons to do?

The first son gripped the bundle of sticks with his strong arms and tried to bend it till it broke. But, try as he might, he could not break the bundle of sticks and finally he gave up.

5. What did the first son use to try to break the bundle of sticks?

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His big feet.

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His long fingers.

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His strong arms.

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His little toes.

6. Did the first son break the bundle of sticks?

Next it was the turn of the second son to try his luck. He thought it would be an easy task. He lay the bundle down on the ground and jumped on it as hard as he could. Again, no matter how hard he jumped, the bundle of sticks would not break and finally he gave up.

7. How did the second son try to break the bundle of sticks?

Meanwhile, the youngest son chuckled at his brothers efforts and thought they were very foolish. He then took one stick at a time and easily broke each stick until all of them were broken.

8. What did the youngest brother think of his older brothers?

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He thought they were clever.

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He thought they were grumpy.

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He thought they were foolish.

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He thought they were nasty.

The old father then smiled at his sons and said, “Children, do you understand what happened? It was very easy to break the sticks one by one. But when they were bundled together, none of you could break them. In the same way, you three brothers should always stick together. No one will be able to hurt you then.”

9. What lesson was the father trying to teach his sons?

The three brothers realised that their father was trying to teach them that they should stop arguing, look after each other and stick together. They knew that if they did this, they would remain strong, just like the bundle of sticks.

From that day onwards, they never fought with each other and lived together in peace and harmony.

10. What happened in the end?

Draw a picture of your favourite part of the story.