

NAME. The Bundle of Sticks

An old man on the point of death summoned his sons around him to give them some parting advice. He ordered them to bring in a bundle of sticks, and said to his eldest son: "Break it." The son strained and strained, but with all his efforts was unable to break the sticks. 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.

1. What was the theme of the selection?

2. Explain how your answer relates to the story:

4. Complete the analogies from the words in the passage

- a. mother is to father as daughter is to _____
- b. night is to day as fix is to _____
- c. young is to old as life is to _____