THE BUNDLE OF STICKS

A father had a family of sons who were perpetually quarreling amongst themselves.

When he failed to heal their disputes by his exhortations, he determined to give them a practical illustration of the evils of disunion; and for this purpose he one day told them to bring him a bundle of sticks.

When they had done so, he placed the bundle into the hands of each of them in succession, and ordered them to break it in pieces. They tried with all their strength, and were not able to do it. He next opened the bundle, took the sticks separately, one by one, and again put them into his sons' hands, upon which they broke them easily. He then addressed them in these words: "My sons, if you are of one mind, and unite to assist each other, you will be as this bundle, uninjured by all the attempts of your enemies; but if you are divided amongst yourselves, you will be broken as easily as these sticks."

Gap filling:

Sticks	**quarrelling**	**strength**	**Union**

Their son will always ..... among themselves

The father gave the .....to son to break one by one

They tried with all their..... to break the bundle of sticks

.....gives strength

Clue Questions

1. How were the sons in the story?.....
2. What did the father ask his sons to do?.....
3. Could the sons break the bundle?.....
4. What did the father say?

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Let's act.

Bundle of Sticks

Scene 1

The children are fighting.
Ravi : I want to use the computer.
Leela : It's my turn.
Balan : I want to play games.

Scene 2

Mr Nathan hears them shouting.
Mr Nathan : Children! Stop fighting. Come here!
Mr Nathan gives each child a stick.
Mr Nathan : Break it!
Balan : I can break it. That is easy.
Leela : I can break it too.
Ravi : It breaks easily.

Scene 3

The children throw the sticks away. Then, Mr Nathan gives them each a bundle of sticks.

Mr Nathan : Now, break this bundle of sticks.
Leela : I cannot break it.
Balan : I cannot break it, too.
Ravi : Neither can I.
Mr Nathan : You see, if you work together, you will be stronger.

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