

### A Moral Story

'Once upon a time there was an old man who had five sons. He gave each of his sons a different sized stick and asked them to break the stick. Each of the five brothers did this task very easily. Then the old man gave them another stick each and asked them to tie all the new sticks together. He passed the bundle of sticks round and asked each of them to break the bundle.

'This time it was not possible to break the sticks because, together as a bundle, the sticks were much stronger. The old man was very pleased; he told his sons to imagine they were the sticks themselves. He explained to them: "See, when you tried to break one stick it was easy because it was alone, but when they were together the sticks were much stronger and harder to break."

