Once there lived an old farmer in a village. He had four sons. They always quarreled among themselves. The father often advised them to mend their ways. But they did not listen to him.

One day, he fell seriously ill. He was on death bed. He called his sons to his bedside. He wanted to teach them a lesson before his death. He asked them to bring a bundle of sticks. The bundle was brought. He asked them to break the bundle. Each of them tried his best. But no one could break the bundle.

The wise father now untied the bundle. He asked them to break one stick each. Now each of them broke his stick easily. The father said to them, “If you are united, nobody can harm you. If you quarrel, you will suffer.” These words worked magic. They promised to live in peace.

Moral: Union is strength. Or United we stand, divided we fall.