

## **THE BUNDLE OF STICKS**

(From Aesop's Fables)

**Together we stand, alone we fall  
Unity makes us strong.**

An old man on the point of death called his sons around him to give them his parting advice. He ordered his servants to bring in a bundle of sticks, and said to his eldest son: "Break it." The son tried and tried, but with all his efforts could not. The other sons, one by one tried too, but none of them was successful. "Untie the sticks" said the father, "and each of you take one" Then, he told them: "Now, break, the sticks" and all the sticks were easily broken. He told them: "Now, remember my last parting lesson!"