

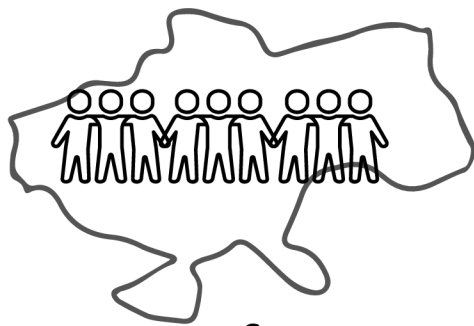


"These seven vines," the father explained, "are like you, the seven brothers. If you stay together, you are strong and no one can harm you, just like these seven vines when they were tied together." The sons understood their father's lesson. From that day on, they started caring for each other again and lived together in peace and harmony.

Each of the brothers took the bundle and, no matter how hard they tried, could not break it. Then the father untied the bundle and gave one vine to each son. – Now try to break one vine, – said the father. Breaking just one vine was very easy for each of them.



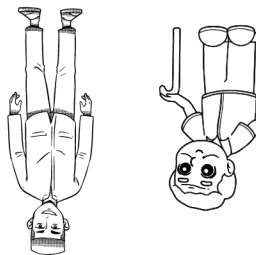
– So what? – they asked.



This story teaches us the importance of unity and family bonds. It shows that when people stick together and support each other, they are much stronger and can easily overcome challenges. But when they are divided and isolated, they become weaker and more vulnerable.



One day, the father called all his sons to come and see him. – My sons, I need each of you to bring me a thick willow vine tomorrow. The next morning, each son brought a thick willow vine. The father took the vines and tied them together tightly with a rope in the middle. – Now, my sons, – said the father, – I want to see if any of you can break this bunch of vines.



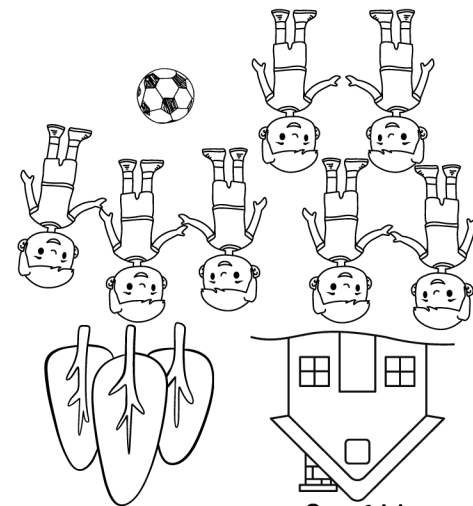
As the brothers grew up, they each got married and had their own families. They moved to different places and became very busy with their own lives. Sometimes, they would visit their father, but they didn't get along as well as they used to. The father was sad because he saw his sons growing apart and would become strangers if things didn't change.



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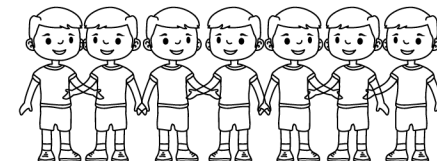
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Once upon a time, there was a man who had seven sons. These brothers loved each other very much, eating and drinking together, feeling sad and happy together.

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