

# Worship

*This term we are thinking about fear and courage. Today we are thinking about the fable of The bundle of sticks.*

You can listen to the story here: [English KS1/KS2: Aesop's Fables - 5. The bundle of sticks - BBC Teach](#)

Or ask an adult to read it to you by finding the story on the worship page of the website (follow this link): [Worship Space - ST MARYS PRIMARY SCHOOL \(banburystmarysschool.co.uk\)](#)

*Mrs McKenzie has six sons, but they are always fighting among themselves which makes it hard to get any work done. She shows them the error of their ways by asking each one in turn to snap a bundle of sticks in two. It is too difficult for any of them to snap the whole bundle, but when she unties the bundle and gives them one stick each to snap, it is easy. The sons realise the value of working together and by doing so win the top prize in a building competition.*

## **Reflection**

*You can achieve more by working together than by fighting. You are stronger as a team than as individuals. Can you think of a time when you have had the courage to ask for help or admit that you find something difficult. Try to notice when people around you show courage. Have their actions made things better?*

## **Prayer**

*Dear God,*

*Please be with us in our school today, in our work and in our play.*

*Make us brave enough to overcome those things that frighten us,  
which we do not understand.*

*Amen.*

