

The Strength of Unity

Once a group of dacoits had spread terror and fear in four neighbouring villages. The dacoits used to kill and rob the villagers. The villagers were not able to sleep properly due to the fear of dacoits. Even the mention of their names used to make them tremble.

One day the four headmen of all the four villages met to find out the solution. But they were not able to find any.

When they were talking to each other, there came a saint. He asked, "Why do you people look so worried?"

One of the headmen replied, "We are not able to lead a peaceful life due to the dacoit's terror. Many people have died. They destroy our villages and take away our grains and valuable things."



The saint asked, "What do people of your village do?"

"They hide themselves, and if someone even raises his voice against the dacoits, they kill that person instantly."

The saint became silent for a minute and then asked, "How many dacoits are there?"

One of the headmen replied, "Nearly 20 in number."

The saint asked, "And how many men are there in each village?"

The headmen replied, "Nearly 100."

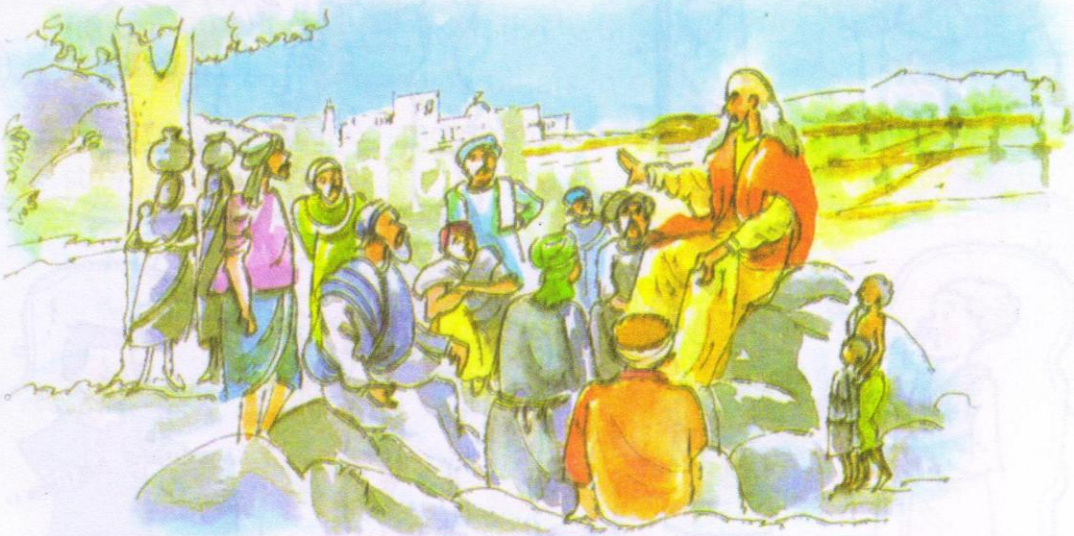
Saint said, "It means total 400."

The saint explained to the headmen. "If all the villagers fight collectively against the dacoits, then you can overcome the dacoits easily. A group of 20 men can always fight with one dacoit?"

The headmen were happy and thanked the saint for his advice. They called all the villagers. They told everyone that they would have to overcome their fear and take action to protect themselves.

The villagers were divided into twenty groups and the groups kept a watch over the four villages.

Once the dacoits attacked one of the village. All the twenty groups attacked them collectively. The villagers started beating them. They handed those men to the police. And after that the villagers had peace.



United we stand, divided we fall.

A. Answer the questions.

1. Why did the villagers live in fear ?

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2. Why did the headmen meet ?

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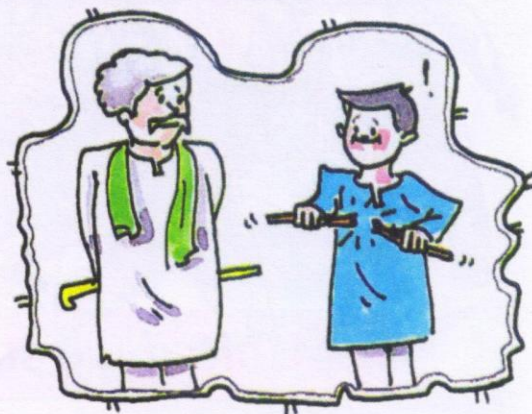
3. What was, the advice given by the saint

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4. What helped the villagers ?

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B. Observe the picture and try to construct a story with a moral.



C. Write five places where Unity is required.

- (a)
- (b)
- (c)
- (d)

D. Discuss, how can we accomplish the following tasks :

- (a) move a large boulder.
- (b) put up a large tent in the picnic.
- (c) chase the tiger that has strayed into the village.
- (d) arrange the Annual school day function.

Points to Ponder

- * Alone we may be able to do huge tasks; together we can do many things.
- * It is necessary to help each other while doing things.
- * We should co-operate with others in our life.
- * We should be united and not fight among ourselves. Unity is strength.