

## Story – The Arguing Fingers

Five fingers of the hand were having an argument about who was the greatest.

The middle finger said, "I am big, I am tall, I am the centre of them all as four little guards you stand around the emperor of the hand!" The other fingers laughed and said, "You are just useless!" While all the fingers were laughing the ring finger told the pinky finger to keep out of it as it is the little finger. The little finger got angry and said, "Why should I stay away from this conversation! I may be little, but I am big! Tell me who comes the first when you are about to greet? You can make fun of me but always remember I am number 1!

The ring finger said "Stop joking you little finger! Take a look at me! The people crown me with a ring and that's the way they honour the king. I am beautiful and I am the best."

The index finger disagreed. "Dear fellow fingers. None of you is as useful as me. I direct, I teach, I point. Sorry my friends, don't take it to heart but tell me you are also sharp and smart.

The other fingers answered, "Of course we are even smarter than you and more useful too!"

Finally, after listening to all of them, the thumb said, "I think I am important too. In fact, even more than each one of you! Tell me fingers, if I, the thumb is not with you? Would you be able to write, or fly a kite? Would you be able to lift the weight, or eat the tasty date? Would you be able to wear a cap or open and close the tap? Whatever the work may be, you just cannot do without me!"

The thumb made all of them understand that each and every finger is important in its own way! If these five fingers are united, they all help each other. All the fingers started singing in joy, "Together we work, together we stand, united we live as the fingers in our hand!"