The Enormous Turnip

A traditional tale re-told by Deborah Smith
Once upon a time, there was a farmer.
and a farmer’s wife
And they lived together in a farmhouse with a boy, a girl, a dog, a cat and a mouse.
One day, the farmer planted a turnip seed.
The sun shone and the rain fell, and under the ground the little seed began to grow.
The turnip grew...
...and grew...
...and grew...
...and grew
and grew...
...until it was enormous!
The farmer pulled the turnip.

pull!

But the farmer could NOT pull it up.
The farmer called for the farmer's wife to come and help pull it out.
The farmer and the farmer’s wife pulled and pulled, but they could NOT pull it up.
The farmer and the farmer's wife called to the boy to come and help.

boy
The farmer, the farmer’s wife AND the boy pulled and pulled, but they could NOT pull it up.
The farmer, the farmer's wife and the boy called for the girl to come and help.
The farmer, the farmer's wife, the boy AND the girl pulled and pulled, but they could NOT pull it up.
The farmer, the farmer’s wife, the boy and the girl called the dog to come and help.
The farmer, the farmer’s wife, the boy, the girl AND the dog pulled and pulled but they could NOT pull it out.
The farmer, the farmer’s wife, the boy, the girl, and the dog called for the cat to come and help.
The farmer, the farmer’s wife, the boy, the girl, the dog AND the cat pulled and pulled but they could NOT pull it out.
So the farmer, the farmer’s wife, the boy, the girl, the dog and the cat called for the mouse to come and help.
So the farmer, the farmer's wife, the boy, the girl, the dog, the cat and the mouse pulled and pulled...and PULLED!
Out came the turnip!

POP!
And the farmer, the farmer’s wife, the boy, the girl, the dog, the cat AND the mouse sat down and had the most delicious turnip soup.
Which all goes to show that when everyone works TOGETHER, we can do things that you can’t do all by yourself!

The End