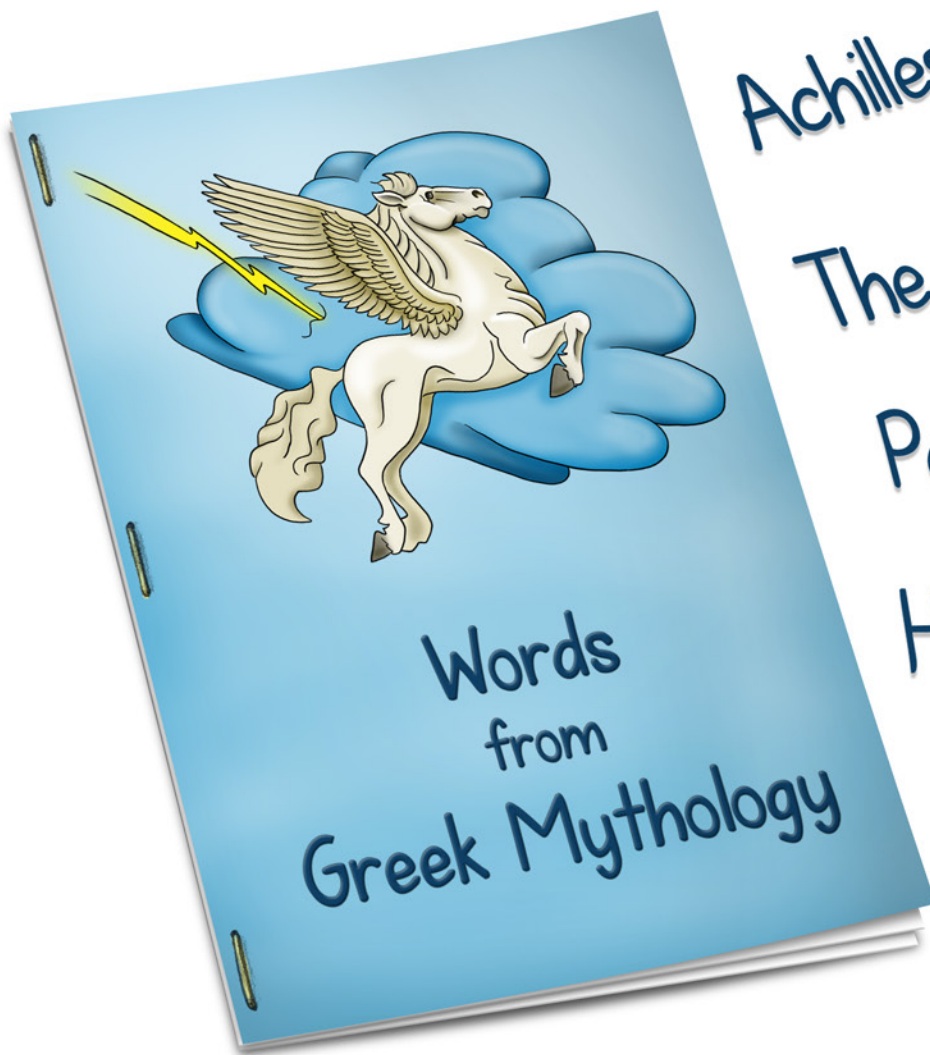


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Greek mythology offers monsters, heroes, villains, and ancient stories of love, hate, courage, and fear. Myths have inspired art and literature for centuries, and many mythological references can still be found in modern pop culture, such as *Nike* (fashion), *Styx* (rock band), and *The Clash of the Titans* (film).

Today your student will become familiar with seven common allusions to Greek mythology, including *Herculean effort*, *Achilles' heel*, and *the Midas touch*.

## Instructions

1. Print pages 3-4 of this activity.
2. Cut out the cards and place them on the table with the words facing up.
3. Have your student select the cards one by one and read each card aloud. Discuss any unfamiliar words or stories with your student. He may then stack the cards and staple them into a booklet.

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Achilles was a strong warrior, but he had one weakness—his heel.

Do you have a weakness?

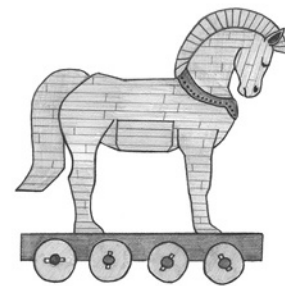
### Achilles' Heel



Any object King Midas touched would turn into gold. He touched a chair and it turned to gold. He touched his bathtub and it turned to gold.

Have you ever met someone who seemed to have really good luck?

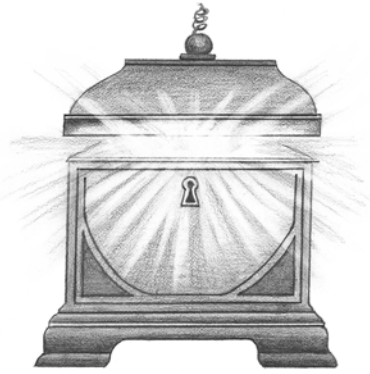
### The Midas Touch



During the battle of Troy, Greek soldiers hid inside a huge wooden horse. The Trojans thought it was a gift, so they pulled the wooden horse inside their city walls. That night, the soldiers came out of the horse and took over the city.

Have you ever been surprised by something?

### Trojan Horse



Zeus gave Pandora a box, and when Pandora opened it, all kinds of bad things escaped into the world. Things got out of control pretty quickly.

Have things ever gotten out of control for you?

## Pandora's Box



Hercules was given twelve difficult tasks to complete—and he managed to do them all. It took an extreme effort.

Has anything ever taken you a lot of effort to complete?

## Herculean Effort



According to Greek myths, the gods ate nectar and ambrosia. These two foods were supposed to be extremely delicious.

What do you think is the most delicious food in the world?

## Food of the Gods



In Greek mythology, Titans were huge giants with incredible powers. One such Titan was Atlas, who could hold up the whole world.

Who is the strongest person you know?

## Titan



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