



HERACLES (HERCULES)



ONE OF THE GREATEST HEROES IN GREEK MYTHOLOGY

WHO WAS HERACLES?

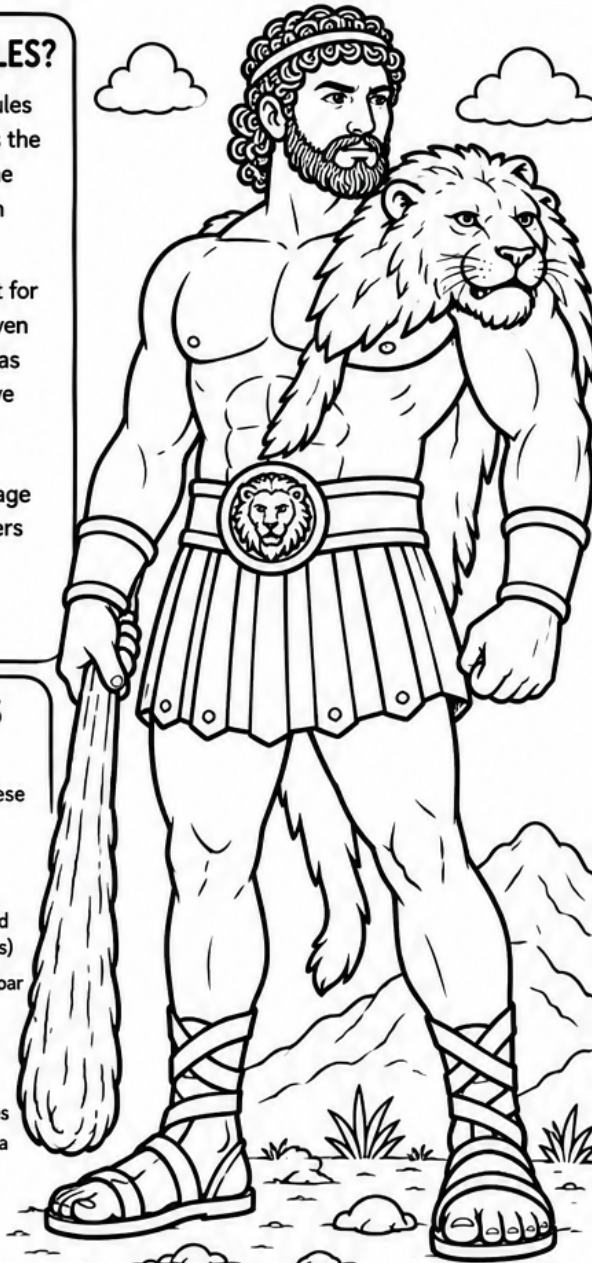
Heracles (known as Hercules in Roman mythology) was the son of Zeus, the king of the gods, and a mortal woman named Alcmene.

As part of his punishment for killing his family while driven mad by Hera, Heracles was ordered to complete twelve difficult labours for King Eurystheus. He used his incredible strength, courage and kindness to help others and became one of the greatest heroes in Greek mythology.

THE 12 LABOURS OF HERACLES

Heracles had to complete these twelve dangerous tasks:

- 1 Slay the Nemean Lion
- 2 Slay the Lernaean Hydra
- 3 Capture the Ceryneian Hind (the sacred deer of Artemis)
- 4 Capture the Erymanthian Boar
- 5 Clean the Augean Stables
- 6 Slay the Stymphalian Birds
- 7 Capture the Cretan Bull
- 8 Steal the Mares of Diomedes
- 9 Obtain the Belt of Hippolyta
- 10 Steal the Cattle of Geryon
- 11 Obtain the Apples of the Hesperides
- 12 Capture Cerberus, the three-headed dog



QUICK FACTS



ORIGIN:
Greek Mythology



PARENTS:
Zeus and Alcmene



KNOWN FOR:
His super strength, bravery and completing the Twelve Labours



SYMBOLS:
Lion skin, club, laurel wreath

DID YOU KNOW?

- Heracles was admired by the ancient Greeks as the perfect hero—strong, brave and always willing to help.
- After his death, Heracles became a god and joined the gods on Mount Olympus.
- He is one of the most famous and loved heroes in Greek mythology!



HERACLES' LEGACY

Heracles shows us that true strength is not just about power, but about courage, kindness and never giving up. His stories have inspired people for thousands of years and continue to inspire us today.



DID YOU KNOW?

The Nemean Lion's skin was so strong that no weapon could pierce it. Heracles defeated the lion with his great strength and used its skin as armour.

