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TEXT 1 - THOR

1. What is the name of Thor's father?

His name is Odin.

2. What was Thor's duty?

He protected the gods and the lives of mortal men against evil.

3. What did Thor do when there was a thunderstorm?

He rode through the heavens on his chariot pulled by the goats "Gap Tooth" and "Tooth Grinder".

4. How did the Norse people believe that lightning was created?

The Norse thought that lightning flashed whenever Thor threw his hammer.

5. Can you describe what Thor was like?

He was quick and hot tempered and he got angry easily.

6. Which day of the week is named after him?

The name of the week that is named after Thor is Thursday.

TEXT 2 - PERSEUS

1. What did the Oracle warn King Acrisius about?

It warned him that he would be killed if his daughter Danae ever had a son.

2. Did Danae have a son?

Yes, she had a son.

3. What did the King do when he had a grandson from Danae?

He sent them floating on the sea.

4. What does this remind you of?

The story of Moses birth. He was also put into a basket and set adrift on the Nile where a rich lady found him and saved him.

5. Did Danae and her son survive?

Yes, they did although it was hard for them to make a living.

6. Who found them?

Polydeuktes, King of Seriphus, found them.

7. Why couldn't Polydeuktes marry Danae?

Because her son, Perseus, was her protector.

8. What did Polydeuktes think of to get rid of Perseus?

He sent Perseus on a quest to kill Gorgon Medusa and bring back her head to him so that he would stop chasing Danae.

9. Did Perseus manage to get the head of the Gorgon?

Yes, he did with the help of the Gracae.

10. How did Perseus convince the Gracae to help him?

He took their eye and tooth and said he would give it back to them only if they helped him cut off Medusa's head.

11. What happened to people who looked at Medusa's head?

They turned into stone.

TEXT 3 - MIDAS

1. Who granted Midas a wish?

Dionysus granted Midas a wish.

2. Why was Midas given a wish?

Because Dionysus wanted help to re-unite with his step-father, Silenus.

3. What was Midas wish to Dionysus?

It was to turn everything he touched into gold.

4. Did Midas like his gift when he first got and why?

Yes, he liked it because got himself a lot of riches.

5. Did the gift bring Midas any difficulty?

Yes, it did because he couldn't eat or drink since everything he touched turned into gold.

6. What was the worst thing Midas did with his gift?

He accidentally killed his daughter by simply touching her.

7. Why couldn't Polydeuktes marry Danae?

Because her son, Perseus, was her protector.

8. Did his daughter's death change Midas' attitude about the gift he got?

Yes, it made him realize that he had made a mistake; he was greedy.

9. What is the message of this myth?

The message of the myth is that we shouldn't be greedy.