

The Wooden Horse

The story of Odysseus in Troy

Long ago in Greece there was a beautiful queen called Helen. She should have been happy and content: her King was kind and generous; she lived in a sumptuous palace; and she had loads of servants to look after her. However, she fell in love with the handsome Paris, a prince from the city of Troy, and ran away with him.

The King sent a great army to bring her back. Commanded by the brave Odysseus, the soldiers surrounded the city of Troy, but try as they might, they could not capture it. After nine long years of fighting, the soldiers were tired and wanted to go home. Just as they were about to accept defeat, Odysseus decided to try just one more time to enter the city - and he had a cunning plan.

Odysseus called together his generals. Slowly he opened a scroll and laid it in front of them to see.