

The Trojan Horse

Week 7 • Wednesday • The Trickiest Trick in History

Reading Time

One of the most famous Greek stories is about a giant wooden horse. Long ago, the story says, the Greeks sailed to attack the city of **Troy**. But Troy hid behind huge, strong walls. For TEN years, the Greeks could not get in!

Then clever **Odysseus** had an idea. The Greeks built a giant wooden horse, hid their best soldiers inside its hollow belly, and pretended to sail away. The people of Troy thought the horse was a gift and a sign they had won. They pulled it inside their walls and celebrated all night!

While Troy slept, the hidden soldiers crept out, opened the gates, and let the Greek army in. Troy fell — not to strength, but to a trick! Today, when someone sneaks something bad inside something that looks nice, we still call it a 'Trojan horse.'

Reading Questions

1. Why couldn't the Greeks get into Troy for ten years?

2. What was hiding inside the wooden horse?

3. Why did the people of Troy pull the horse inside?

The Story in Order

Number these events 1 to 5 in the order they happened.

Event	Order (1-5)
The soldiers creep out and open the gates	
The Greeks build a giant wooden horse	
Troy pulls the horse inside the walls	
The Greeks pretend to sail away	
Soldiers hide inside the horse's belly	

Vocabulary Grid

Write what each word means in your own words.

Troy

hollow

trick

gates

celebrate

soldier

Hands-On: Build the Horse

You need: building blocks, LEGO, or a cardboard box and paper.

Build or make your own Trojan horse! Can you make it hollow so a small toy 'soldier' can hide inside? Test it on a family member: will they bring your 'gift' inside?

Think About It

1. Was the Trojan horse trick fair or unfair? What do you think?

2. What should the people of Troy have done before pulling the horse inside?
