Baby Zeus and the Hidden Cave

A one-page classroom sheet · Greek mythology for ages 5 to 9

THE MYTH

Zeus's father, a Titan king named Cronus, was afraid that one of his children would take his throne. So Zeus's mother, Rhea, hid baby Zeus in a cave in Crete, far away from Cronus. A kind goat called Amalthea gave him milk, and baby Zeus grew big and strong. One day, he would be the king of the gods!

SAY THE NAMES

Zeus	*(ZOOSS)*
Cronus	*(KRO-nus)*
Rhea	*(REE-ah)*
Amalthea	*(a-MAL-thee-a)*

A GREEK WORD

κατσίκα

say: ka-TSEE-ka

It means: goat



Color the picture and find the dove, the wheat and the grapes.

ASK YOUR STUDENTS

1. Why did Rhea hide baby Zeus from his father?
2. Who looked after Zeus in the cave, and how?
3. What do you think a baby god needs to grow up strong?
4. Can you find the dove, the wheat and the grapes in the picture? (They belong to Aphrodite, Demeter and Dionysus.)

FOR THE TEACHER

Sources: Hesiod, Theogony (Cronus fears his children; Rhea hides Zeus in a cave in Crete); Apollodorus, Library 1.1.5–7 (Zeus is born in a cave in Crete and fed on Amalthea's milk); Callimachus, Hymn to Zeus (Amalthea is a goat). Ancient writers differ on which mountain the cave is on, so this sheet says only "a cave in Crete." Spellings and pronunciations match the Myths & Colors books.

About the books: Myths & Colors is a series of Greek mythology coloring books by Amalia and Philippos, a sister and brother from Greece, with a version for ages 5 to 9 and one for ages 10 to adult. They create the books with AI tools they direct and check, and every story is checked against the ancient sources. Students may color this sheet and share it in class.