

## What is mythology?

"It's time," said Lad to his grand kids, "Go in and I will be there soon to go over stories"

Most of the children went in their grandfather's room waiting for the night story. When Lad heard the youngest going down the hall to his room, he knew it was time for him to join them.

Lad sat down in the middle of the circle the kids had made on his bed and started his story. "Tonight, before you go to your beds, I am not going to tell you a story."

"No, gramps, you do it every night, and we like it," said the boy to the left of him.

"Yeah, we like them, and we were good today. This isn't fair," the smallest girl said.

"Wait, wait," Lad jumped in, "I am going to tell you a myth instead of a story."

"What's a mif?" said the youngest.

"A myth is like a story except it is story that helps us understand more about the magickal world. They tell of the Gods and Goddesses," said Lad in a soft voice. "Myths will teach you important things about the history of the group of people they are talking about."

### Activity-

- You will need either a piece of printer paper or poster board and some markers for this activity. You will need it the last day of this project.
- Spend a little time each night, for a week at least, tell you child a myth from your chosen pantheon. If you don't really stick to one just share myths that you know or found on reputable sites.
- After you are done with your myth, except the first day, give them a turn. Have them tell you the myth that was told to you the night before. If they make mistakes when they are telling you what they learned last night gently work with them until they can tell you it without many mistakes.
- On the last day tell them that they now know some mythology. Help or tell your child to write mythology in the center of the poster board or paper.
- Have them draw pictures of the things they remember from all the myth's that they read around the word to fill the poster board or paper.
- Hang their poster somewhere they will pass it often. They will need to look at their poster each time they pass it and say out loud "Mythology is a collection of myths." They will then remember at least one of the myths, this can be done any way from thinking of it in their head to telling the story to you.