

## King Midas

King Midas was a greedy man. He collected gold and even counted it in his sleep.

King Midas had a daughter and she wished she could spend more time with her father but he was always busy with his collections of gold.

One day, a strange creature came to see the King. He was half man and half goat and he was called a Satyr. The King allowed the Satyr to pick some of his fruit and because of this the Satyr was very pleased. He told the King that he could wish for anything he wanted and his wish would come true.

Of course, the King wished for more gold. He asked the Satyr to make everything he touched turn to gold. The wish was granted. Sure enough, everything that the King touched did turn to gold.

The trouble was, when the King got hungry, he could not touch his food because it too, became gold. The King began to feel worried. His daughter came to see him and he was afraid to touch her in case she changed to gold.

The King ran to find the satyr and begged him to take the spell away from him. He said that he was sorry for being so greedy and that he had learned his lesson. The Satyr told the King to wash in the river Pactolus to wash away his magic touch. The King did as he was asked and the spell was lifted. Immediately, the King ran to his daughter and hugged her. All of a sudden, he knew the meaning of happiness! Even today, the river Pactolus in Greece is known for its gold deposits and many people go there to find gold (prospecting)