Story of Achilles

When Achilles was born his mother decided she never wanted him to die. Achilles' mother was a nymph and carried her baby to the river Styx, which separates the land of the living to the land of the dead. She immersed Achilles in the sacred water but because she was holding so tightly to his heel so as not to drop him, his heel did not get wet.

Achilles grew into a strong, extraordinary human. He ran faster, was stronger, and could defeat entire armies in battle. No one or nothing could hurt him as long as his heel remained untouched.

During the Battle of Troy, the one thing his mother feared most happened. He was struck in the heel with an arrow and died. Without Achilles, the Greek army would not have won the Trojan War. Achilles became revered as a great warrior and a Greek hero.

