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Thor and the Big Fish

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Thor was the strongest god. One day he went to visit a giant named Hymir.

Hymir lived by the sea. In the morning, he said, "I am going fishing!"

"May I come?" asked Thor. Hymir laughed. "You are too small for the sea!"

Thor did not mind. He took a big piece of meat for his hook. Then they got in the boat.

Thor rowed so fast! Hymir could not keep up. The boat flew over the waves.

Soon the land was far, far away. "Stop!" said Hymir. "It is not safe here."

Thor said, "Just a little more." He rowed on. Then he let his hook sink into the sea.

Something took the hook! It pulled and pulled. "A very big fish!" said Thor.

Thor pulled back with all his might. His feet pushed hard on the boat. Hymir shook with fear.

Up came a huge head, as big as a hill. It was not a fish. It was the world-snake!

Thor lifted his hammer. But Hymir was so scared that he cut the line.

The snake sank down into the sea. It was not hurt, and the boat was safe.

Thor was a little cross. But he had seen the world-snake! And Hymir did not boast again.

Questions

1. Who went fishing with Thor?

A. A giant named Hymir
B. A king
C. His brother

2. What did Thor think took his hook?

A. A boot
B. A very big fish
C. A rope

3. Why did Hymir cut the line?

A. He was scared
B. He was hungry
C. He was angry at the fish

4. What was the "fish" really?

A. A whale
B. The world-snake
C. A shark

5. In this story, what does "boast" mean?

A. To sleep
B. To hide
C. To brag

Words to know

giant: a huge person
hook: a bent fish catcher
boast: brag
hammer: a hitting tool

Answer key: Thor and the Big Fish

1. A. A giant named Hymir
2. B. A very big fish
3. A. He was scared
4. B. The world-snake
5. C. To brag