

Hercules, the Strongest and Bravest Boy of All

(Hércules, el niño mas fuerte y valiente)

Based on Greek and Roman Mythology

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A long time ago, a little boy named Hercules was born. He was the son of Zeus, the king of the gods and ruler of Mount Olympus.

One day, while Zeus's wife, Hera, was feeding him, a little trickle of milk escaped into the sky. From these white milk drops, the Milky Way was formed. This is visible on dark nights as a whitish streak across the sky with tiny stars grouped close together.

Hera, who was really Hercules' stepmother, did not love him at all. When Hercules was still a baby in the crib, she sent two snakes to choke him. But Hercules, who was strong and brave, was able to kill them. However, Hera was not put off and set him traps and cause him all sorts of trouble for the rest of his life.

Hercules had to face the most dangerous challenges. He confronted ferocious animals like the lion and the Hydra, a monster with many heads that grew back when they were chopped off. He also had to fight eagles with bronze beaks and

claws. And he defeated a deer with golden antlers and copper hooves. There wasn't a single task or test that was too much for Hercules. He became stronger and braver every day until he was finally accepted amongst the gods on Mount Olympus.

At night, the constellations of Hercules, the Hydra and the Lion shine high in the sky and remind us of the courage of the son of Zeus.

Globular Clusters

The most famous object in the constellation of Hercules is the globular cluster M13. Such clusters contains thousands of stars that form a giant sphere or globe. This is why they are called globular. M13 contains mostly old stars. Globular clusters may be thought of as stellar cemeteries, in contrast to the open clusters that are formed by thousands of newly formed and young stars.

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