

*Audaces fortuna iuvat.*¹

Literature 4

The Childhood of Apollo and Diana, The Queen Huntress and How Lars Porsenna Besieged Rome



1 Greece

Read “The Childhood of Apollo and Diana” and “The Queen Huntress and a Bold Hunter.” You will find them on the *Mothers' Companion* flashdrive in Volume 3, Classics, “Legends of Greece and Rome” by G. H. Kupfer, nos. 5 and 11. In these stories you will meet Diana (Artemis, Ἄρτεμις), the goddess worshipped by the Ephesians – see Acts 19. You also meet Apollo (Ἀπόλλων) and Actaeon (Ἀκταίων).

2 Rome

Read “How Lars Porsenna Besieged Rome.” You will find it on the *Mothers' Companion* flashdrive in Volume 4, “Stories from the History of Rome” no.4. Again, not a very cheerful tale but one that drives home the stern ideas of parental duty that the Romans considered admirable. If you have a synchronological chart you will see “Tarquin expelled 509BC” marked on the stream that shows Rome.

Vocabulary

dea, deae goddess (DAY-a, DAY-eye)

Bible example to look up:

non solum autem haec periclitabitur nobis pars in redargutionem venire sed et magnae deae Dianae templum in nihilum reputabitur sed et destrui incipiet maiestas eius quam tota Asia et orbis colit (Acts 19:27)

magnae deae Dianae templum = the temple of the great goddess Diana. Notice the genitive endings *magnae deae* and *Dianae*. The nouns *Dea* and *Diana* are first declension nouns and follow the same pattern as the other nouns we have learnt. *Magnae* is the adjective “great” and because it describes the goddess Diana it has to have an ending that agrees with *deae* and *Dianae*.

¹ Fortune favours the brave.