

**"The sword in the Stone"**

an Arthurian legend

King Uther was a good king who ruled over the kingdom of Britain. He wished to marry a beautiful woman named Igerna, but she was locked in a tower in a far away city. He asked the famous wizard Merlin, for advice. Merlin replied, "I will help you marry Igerna if you promise to give me your first born child!" King

Uther agreed and with Merlin's help, he married Igerna.

Not long after, the King and Queen had a son. Merlin returned to the castle to ask for the baby. Merlin named the baby, Arthur, and delivered him to the fair and good knight, Sir Ector. Arthur grew up with Sir Ector's family and learned all about becoming a knight. No one but Merlin knew his real identity.

When Arthur was fifteen year's old King Uther died. The king's last wish was that his son would become king. No one knew King Uther had a son, and all the rich, wealthy and powerful knights rode to Camelot in hopes to become king themselves. When they arrived to Camelot, a large stone had appeared on the sword was written the words, "Whoever can pull this sword from this stone is the true king of Britain!"

All the knights tried to pull the sword from the stone, but not one was able.

A tournament was announced. Arthur was so excited about the tournament that he forgot to bring his sword.

Sir Kay was angry and ordered Arthur to quickly go and find his sword. Arthur went to get the sword in the stone, because nobody seemed to be using it. When everybody at the tournament saw the sword got very surprised. "Where did you find that sword?" Asked Sir Ector, "I found it stuck in a stone" replied Arthur.

The people of Britain declared "You are the rightful king of Britain"

Merlin was there also and confirmed to all the knights that Arthur was the true son of king Uther. They made Arthur the king. It was a joyous day and also the beginning of the legends of King Arthur!

