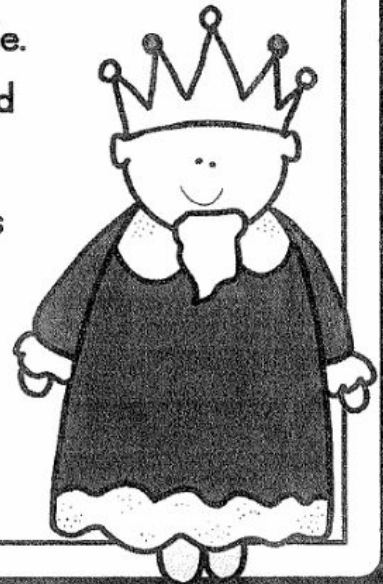


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King Midas' Touch

Gold is something that everyone loves for many reasons. A man named King Midas, however, loved gold more than anyone else in the world. A Greek god was speaking with King Midas one day and offered him one wish to reward him for being a great king. Since King Midas loved gold so much, he wished that everything he touched would turn to gold. His idea was that he would have a limitless amount of gold and would become a very rich man. As King Midas walked home, he turned flowers, trees, and grass into gold. This filled him with happiness and more greed.

When he got home, he decided he needed a rest. As he crawled into bed, though, his once comfortable bed turned into gold. This was now a place that he could not sleep anymore. He tried to eat some dinner after that, but realized all of his food was turning to gold, which became inedible. King Midas was beginning to realize that he had made a mistake he had made. Just then, his daughter ran into the room and jumped into his arms. She turned to gold and King Midas cried and begged for something to save her. The Greek god came back and turned everything back to normal. He hoped to teach King Midas a lesson about his greed.



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King Midas' Touch

1. What happened at the beginning of the text?

2. How does King Midas feel about his new power?

3. Identify a character trait about King Midas and explain with key details from the text how you learned this.

4. Identify two problems that King Midas' wish caused.

5. What lesson was the Greek god trying to teach King Midas?
