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Pandora's Box

Once upon a time, in the world of Greek mythology, lived a curious woman named Pandora. Pandora was the first woman created by the gods. The mighty Zeus, king of the gods, had ordered her creation as a gift to mankind. He instructed the gods to endow her with many talents. She was given beauty by Aphrodite, persuasion by Hermes, and curiosity by Hera.

As a wedding gift, Pandora received a beautiful box from the gods. But there was a catch. The box came with a warning: Pandora was told never to open it, no matter what. The box was sealed and only she held the key.

Days turned into weeks and weeks into months. Pandora lived a happy life, but she could not ignore the box. Her curiosity, gifted by Hera, got the better of her. She began to wonder, "Why was I given a box if I wasn't allowed to open it? What could be so terrible inside?"

One day, Pandora could no longer resist. She took out the key and turned it in the lock. As soon as the box creaked open, things began to fly out, things that she had never seen before. They were not nice things; they were miseries like illness, poverty, jealousy, hate, and all the evils of the world. Pandora was horrified. She tried to close the box, but it was too late. All the evils had already escaped into the world.

In her fear and regret, Pandora didn't notice that one tiny thing was still left inside the box. It was Hope. Zeus had packed it in the box to help humans endure all the bad things that could now come their way. As Pandora noticed Hope, she let it fly out into the world, giving us the courage to keep going, even when times get tough.

This story teaches us that, even when everything seems wrong, there is always Hope. It is a gift from the gods, ready to help us face any hardship that comes our way.

Reading Questions to Answer:

1. Who was Pandora and why was she created?
2. What was the gift Pandora received when she got married?
3. Why did Pandora decide to open the box?
4. What flew out from the box when Pandora opened it?
5. What was the last thing that came out of the box, and what is its significance?