

Worksheet 3

The Twelve Labours of Hercules

Crime and Punishment

"Oh, Wise Man," said Hercules, "I have done a terrible thing. What must I do to be forgiven?" "My son," replied the Wise Man, "You are to give yourself to the service of a cruel king for twelve years. Any thing the king commands – no matter how hard – you must do without complaint."

Even though Hercules committed a terrible crime, the story explains that it wasn't his fault.

1. Have you ever been punished for something when it wasn't your fault?

2. How did you feel?

3. Write about a time in your life where you were punished for something wrong that **you did do** and why you think the punishment did or didn't work for you.

