



Dionysus is the god of wine and grapes. He is also the last god to enter Olympus. His dad was Zeus and his mother was the princess Semele. He is also called the god of the vine.

### *The Myth of Dionysus*

Dionysus was born from Zeus and the Theban princess Semele. When Dionysus grew up, he wandered far into the land to teach men about the culture of the vine and the mysteries of his worship. One day he saw a pirate ship and the pirates took him aboard when they tried to tie him up, the ropes would just fall down. Then one pirate realized that this must be a god. The captain did not believe him, so he told the crew to hoist the sails. When they did this, the ship would not move and all of a sudden there was a big vine and the captain turned into a lion, the crew became scared so they all jumped overboard and they turned into dolphins except one guy who Dionysus saved. The god of wine could be kind or mean.