POSEIDON

Greek name Ποσειδῶν
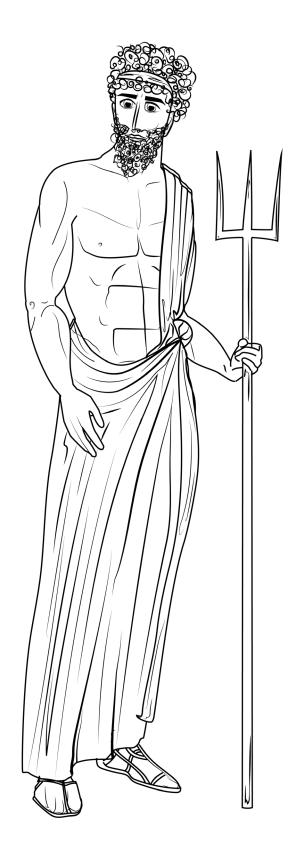**Latin name** Neptunus
Name in your language

Parents Cronus and Rhea
Role Lord of the sea
Home Mount Olympus / Palace
in the depth of the sea
Attributes trident
Pets dolphin, bull

Poseidon was the lord of the sea. He travelled
fast throughout the waters in his chariot,
with an entourage of all sorts of sea creatures.
The god Poseidon ruled over the sea with
his special sceptre always in hand – the trident
(a three-pointed spear). With a jolt of the
trident, he could shake the entire world
and was called the Earth-shaker.
His most famous son was Polyphemus,
who was a Cyclops, that is – a big one-
eyed giant. Along with the other Cyclopes,
Polyphemus lived on the Cyclopes' island.
There is quite a famous story involving
Polyphemus and the hero Odysseus (called
also Ulysses): in fact, Ulysses made a stop on
the Cyclopes' island on his sea-voyage back
home from the War of Troy.
Unluckily, Ulysses and his companions were
caught by Polyphemus and, in order to escape,
the hero got the Cyclops drunk with wine and
blinded his only big eye. Eventually, Ulysses and
his crew managed to escape from the island
using a ruse. The god Poseidon, as a matter
of principle, decided to take revenge on
Ulysses, who had hurt his son Polyphemus.
Hence, Poseidon punished Odysseus with
endless storms for all the rest of his journey
home. It appears that Poseidon was quite
a vengeful god.