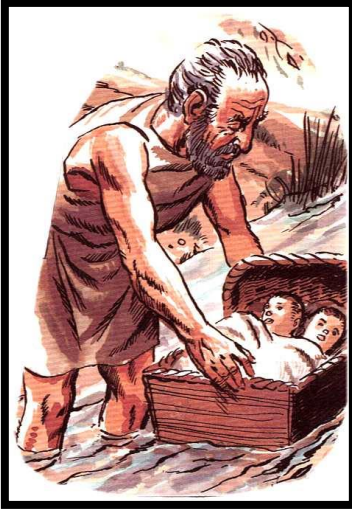


ROMULUS AND REMUS

The Foundation of Rome



According to a Roman story a princess name Rhea Sylvia had 2 twin boys by Mars, the god of war. A jealous uncle who had stolen the throne from her father ordered her twins to be drowned in the river.

But a servant took pity on the boys, put them in a basket and let them float down the river. Hopefully someone would find and care for them.

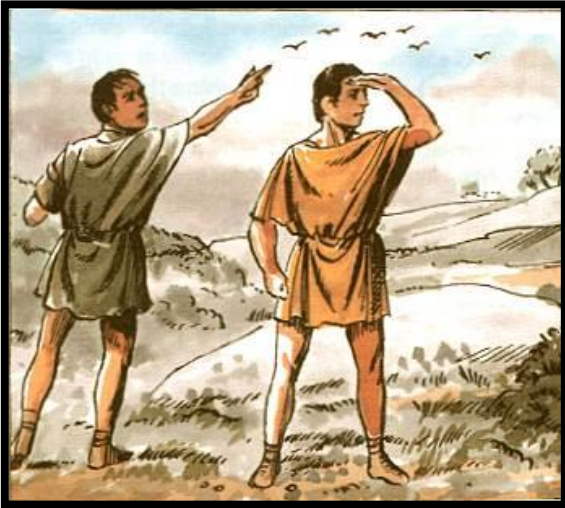
Down the river they floated until they came to rest at the foot of a hill. There a wolf found the crying orphans and cared for



Later, a shepherd found the children and took them home to raise as his own.

He named them Romulus and Remus.

Years later, the two brothers decided to build a city. This would be a city where others who were homeless, as they once were, could come to live. But the brothers argued over where to build the city. One night Romulus and Remus agreed to watch for an omen, a sign from the gods, to settle their argument.



At dawn, Remus saw six vultures flying overhead. However, as the sun rose higher in the sky, Romulus saw 12 vultures.

The brothers quarreled and began fighting over the meaning of the vultures in the sky, and in a rage, Romulus killed Remus.

Romulus then began to build his city on the spot he had chosen-the hill where the tiny basket containing the two babies had come to rest years before. He named his new city after himself-Rome.

The story of Romulus and Remus is a legend and much of the early history of Rome is unknown to us. Though they are not historically accurate, legends are useful. They tell us what qualities people admired and the values they wished to pass on to future generations.

