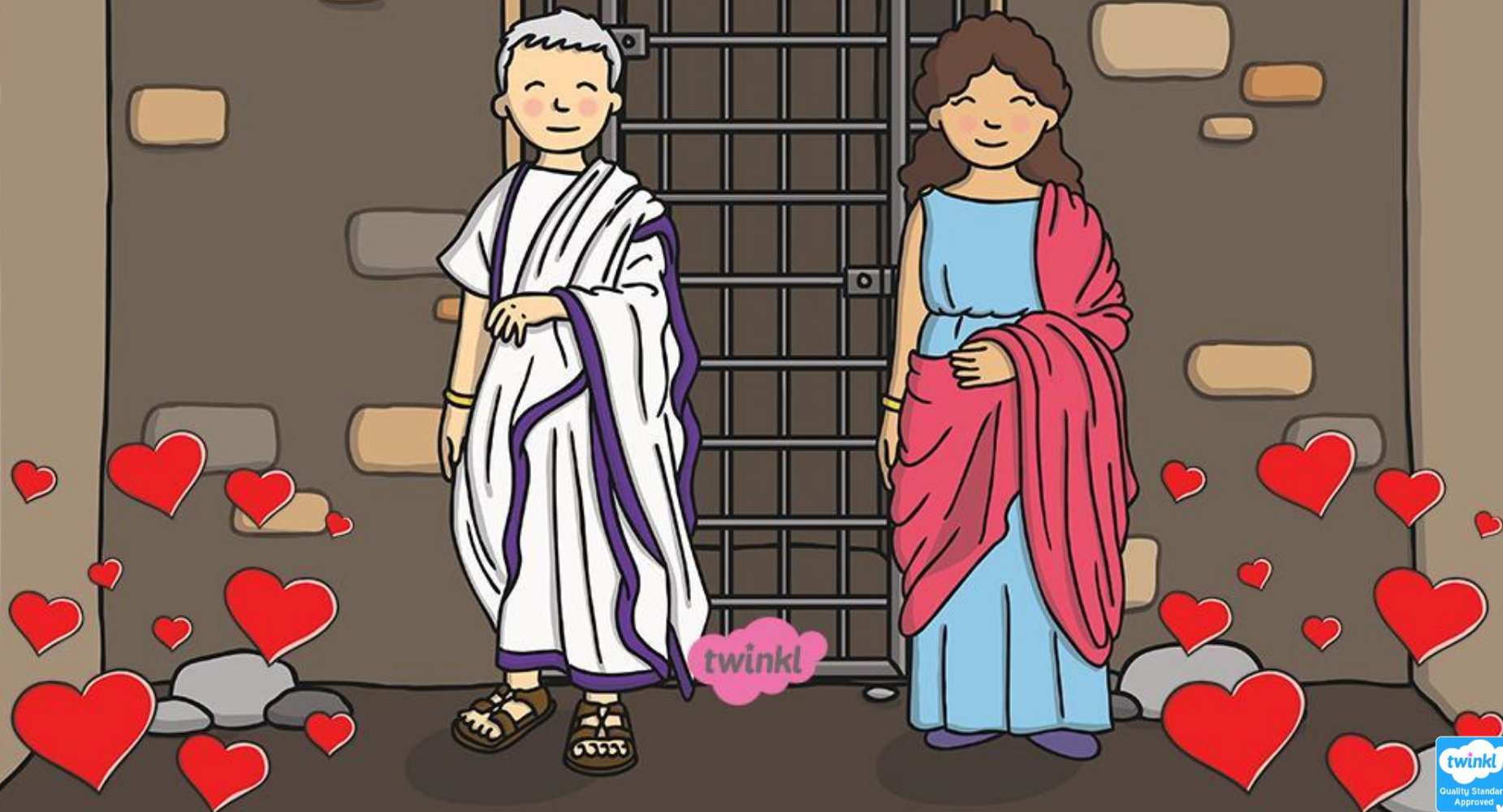


# The Story of St. Valentine



Valentine was a Roman priest who lived during the third century. At the time, Rome was ruled by an emperor called Claudius.

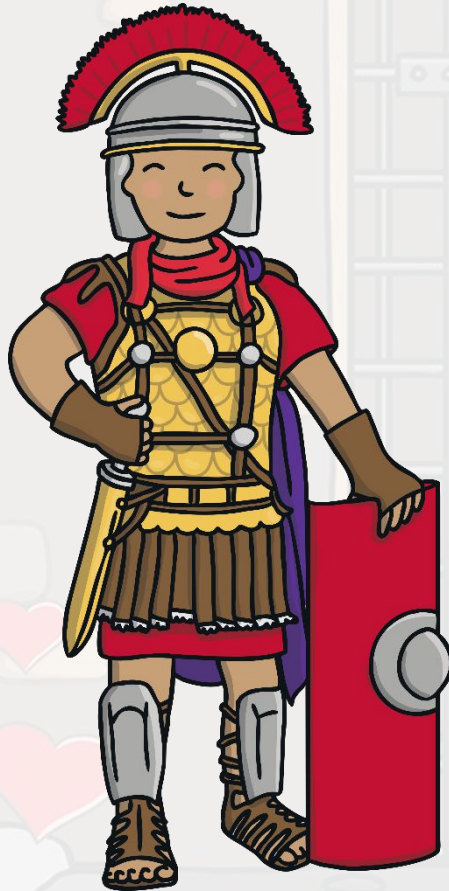


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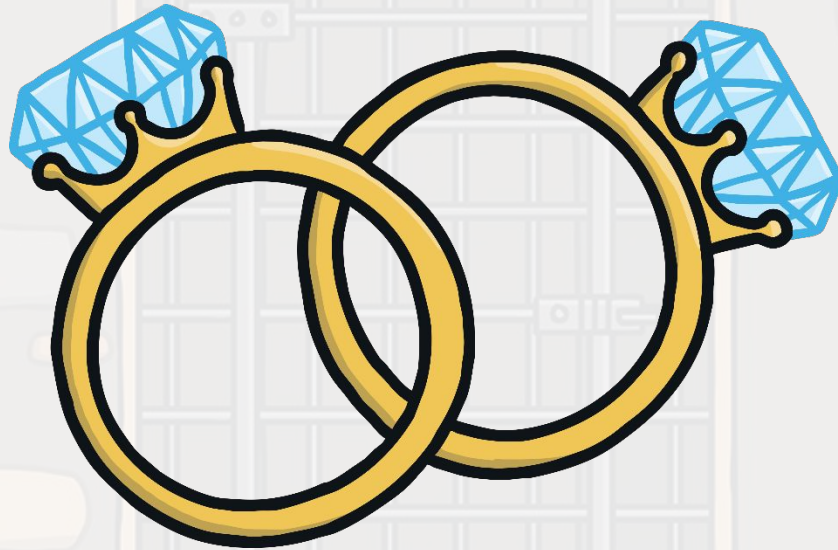
Claudius

Claudius was angry because there weren't enough Roman men becoming soldiers as nobody wanted to leave their wives and children to fight for him.





He forbade all men to marry so that they had no families or wives to use as an excuse for not wanting to join the army.



As Valentine was a priest, he helped the men by marrying them to their partners in secret.

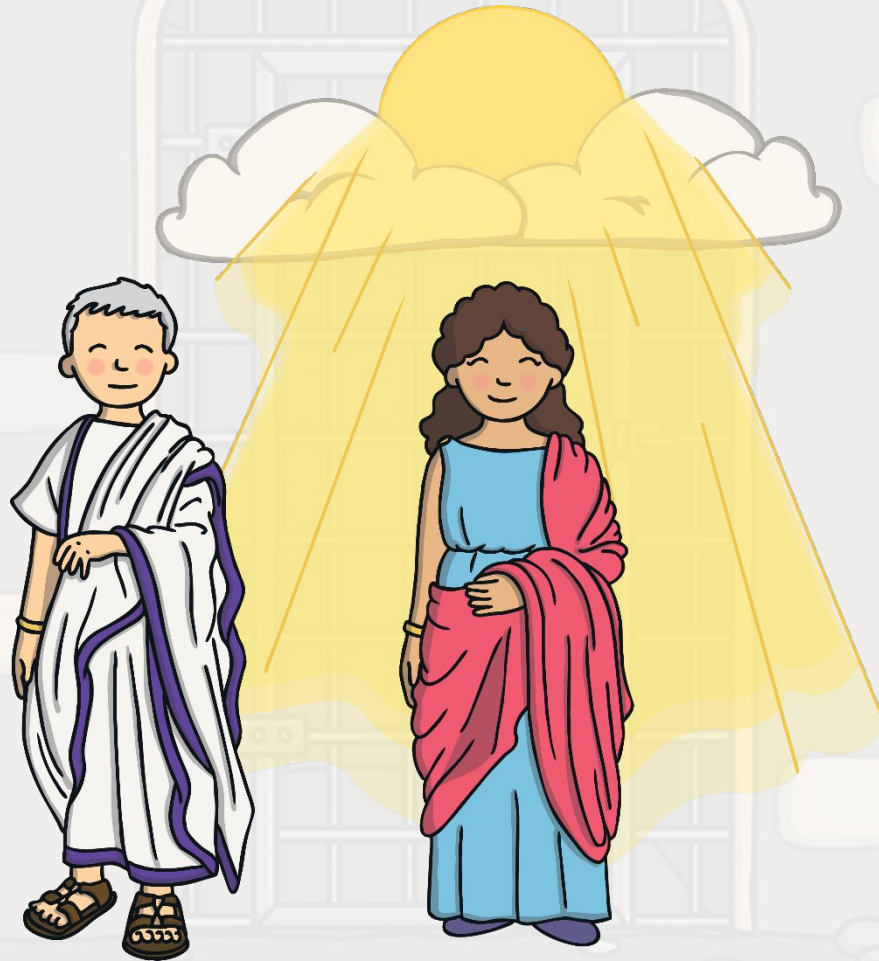
But Claudius soon found out about Valentine and ordered for him to be arrested and imprisoned.



Whilst in jail, Valentine became a teacher to his jailer's blind daughter, Julia.



It is said that Valentine and Julia became great friends and that Valentine cured Julia's blindness with a miracle!





On the day that Valentine died, he wrote Julia a goodbye letter and signed it from 'your Valentine'.



He died on the 14<sup>th</sup> February.



Nowadays, we celebrate Valentine's day by expressing our love for each other with cards, flowers, etc.



How will you celebrate it?

