**How Zagreb got its name**

Long long ago, in the times of kings and queens, there lived a young girl named Manda. She had long brown hair and blue eyes and was very kind. She was not a princess but she was very beautiful.

At that time there was also an army of Tatars. They were very strong and everyone was afraid of them. The Tatars destroyed many towns in Croatia. Afterwards, it was very hot and dry.

One day the Ban and his army were marching by. The sun was shining and it was very hot. The Ban saw a beautiful girl. It was Manda. He asked her to bring him some water. Manda was very sad. She said, *''There is no water! All of the springs have dried up!''*

The Ban took out his sword and touched the dry earth. He said, *''Manda, get some water!''* and a small river of water began to flow! The people were very happy!

Everyone got water from the spring and so did all the animals. Even the bears came down from the mountain Medvednica to drink from the river. This is why the river was named Bear River, or Medveščak.

The spring was named Manduševac because of Manda who was the first person to get water from it. The town was named Zagreb which means 'to get water'.