



## CHÂTEAU DE VERSAILLES

Solution to the game "Seek and find"

*Louis XIV and the royal family*, Jean Nocret (1670)

Family portraits from the Ancien Régime were actually quite rare, which makes this painting even more exceptional! Each member of the royal family of Louis XIV is represented in it, in the guise of a classical god or goddess.



**1.** Henrietta of France, the king's aunt, as Amphitrite, goddess of the sea.

**2.** Phillip of Orleans, the king's brother, as the god of the dawn.

**3.** Marie-Louise, the king's niece, as Iris, messenger of the gods.

**4.** Henrietta of England, the king's sister-in-law, as Flora, goddess of

**5.** Anne of Austria, the king's mother, as Cybele, goddess of nature.

**6.** Louis XIV, the king of France, as Apollo, god of the sun, beauty and the

**7.** Louis, the dauphin, the king's eldest son, as Hymen, god of marriage.

**8.** Maria Theresa, queen of France, as Juno, queen of

**9.** Phillip Charles, the king's son, as Cupid, god of

**10.** Mademoiselle, the king's cousin, as Diana, goddess of hunting.

- The five figures wearing a crown are circled
- The shining sun, emblem of Louis XIV, is on the sceptre held by figure no. 6
- The goddess of the sea, holding a branch of coral, is figure no. 1
- The queen of the gods, sitting next to the only creature that can fan its tail out into a circle, is figure no. 8
- Cupid, the god of love, complete with his quiver, is figure no. 9