

St George's Day



1. As pupils enter

Have the webpage open. Play your chosen music and display a focus image.

2. Introduction

Begin by asking some questions about St George:

- **Who can tell me who the patron saint of England is?**
- **Do you think St George was a real person? Why? Why not?**
- **Do you know any famous stories about St George?**
- **There is a famous story that St George fought with a dragon. Do you think that story is true?**
- **How do you think the story of George and the Dragon came to exist?**

Explain that now the assembly is going to watch a short video about St George, which will include what we know about the *real* St George.

3. Play the video

The duration is 4' 29". Final words: '...you'd be pretty popular too!'

4. After the video - Time to talk

Use the Video questions to help pupils recall the events of St George's life and consolidate their understanding:

- **What job did George have?** (He was a soldier in the Roman army)
- **What is a 'martyr'?** (Someone who dies for their beliefs)
- **What is a 'relic'?** (Part of the remains of a saint, or their possessions)
- **What countries is St George the patron saint of?** (England, Portugal, Georgia - and various cities also)
- **What flags does the Union Flag combine?** (Cross of St Patrick, Cross of St Andrew, Cross of St George)

Then focus pupils' thoughts on the courage George had to show to stand up for what he believed - even if it meant death:

- **Why was George martyred?** (He spoke out against persecution)
- **Do you think what George did - speaking out against the Roman Emperor - would have been easy?**
- **Has there been a time in your own life when you've had to stand up for what you believe - even though it was hard to do so?**

5. Opportunity to sing

If your assembly is to include a song this would be a good time to sing.

Video page



6. Opportunity to reflect

Today we've heard about two St Georges...one the St George of stories, who fights a dragon... And the other, the *real* St George, a soldier in the Roman army about 1600 years ago...

The real St George witnessed things he knew to be wrong...so he spoke out against them...

Even when that meant speaking out to the Roman Emperor...and certain death...

Today we think of St George as brave and courageous...but his courage wasn't fighting with a dragon, it was standing up for the truth...

Think quietly now about a time when you've had to show courage...even though it wasn't easy to do so...

7. Opportunity for prayer

Dear God

We thank you for the life of St George and the other saints...

Help us to remember the courage he showed and the example that he set...

Help us all to stand up for the truth and the things we know to be right. Amen.