

Saint George

St George is the patron saint of England but he was not English. He is also the patron saint of Georgia, Malta, Portugal and Romania.

We don't know much about him but George was probably a Roman soldier who was born in the Middle East to Christian parents in the 3rd Century. He may even have been one of the Emperor Diocletian's guards. After a fire at his palace, Diocletian blamed the Christians, he ordered that a number of Christians should be executed. George may have been one of these Christians.

The most famous legend about George tells of him killing a dragon. There was once a terrible, fire-breathing dragon who lived in a swamp outside a city. To stop the dragon attacking the city the people would give it sheep to eat. When they ran out of sheep they started to give it people. One day the King's own daughter was chosen to be given to the dragon. She was waiting for the dragon to kill her when George appeared. He killed the dragon. The people of the city were overjoyed and when George told them about Jesus they decided to become Christians.

Activity - fire breathing dragon

You will need: a cardboard tube such as a kitchen roll middle, colouring pencils or felt tips, scissors, glue and red, orange and yellow tissue paper.

If you are using a kitchen roll middle carefully cut it in half to make the tube shorter.



1. Draw a scary dragon face on your cardboard tube.



2. Cut some strips of tissue paper.



3. Glue the tissue paper to the mouth end of your dragon.



4. Blow through the tube.

