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St George's Day Collective Worship Resource for schools



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Prayer for St George's Day

Dear God,

Thank you for loving me and taking care of me.

Please give me strength and courage to do what is right, even when it's hard.

When my friends are gossiping, help me choose kind and honest words.

When someone is being bullied, help me be brave and stand up for them.

When people say things that aren't true about what I believe, help me speak kindly and clearly.

When I feel tempted to do something wrong, guide me to stay on the right path.

Thank you for always being with me and helping me grow.

Amen.



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Who is St George?

What do we know about St George?

- A legendary hero known for slaying a dragon

Represents:

- Courage
 - Protecting others
 - Self-sacrifice
- Story has meaning beyond religion



What is a 'dragon' today?

Think about what are the problems in our community and in the world?

Examples:

- Climate change
- Bullying
- Inequality
- Loneliness

👉 Be ready to share your ideas.



Why is the Story Still Relevant?

- Works as a symbol for modern issues

Helps us explore:

- Right vs wrong
- Helping others
- Standing up for what is right
- Being brave in everyday situations



What are the Key Themes from the Story of St George?

- Courage in difficult situations
- Protecting vulnerable people
- Responsibility to the community
- Facing fear






Think and Discuss In pairs or groups:

- What makes someone a modern hero?
- Should we always “fight the dragon”?
- Can the “dragon” be misunderstood?
- When might it be difficult to stand up for what is right?



Who and what are the Modern 'Dragons'

- Environmental problems 
 - Social injustice 
 - Fear of others / prejudice
 - Personal challenges
-  Which do you think is most important?



Reflection

- What did you learn about courage?
- What is one “dragon” society should face?
- What would you stand up for?
- What small act of courage could you show this week?



Opportunities to create art work

- The following slides contain some of the most famous examples of paintings of St George.
- Create a painting/ collage/ stained glass representing your versions of St George.





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