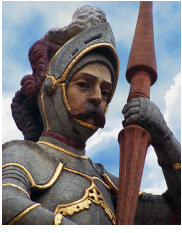


The Story of St George



A long time ago there was a brave knight called George. He was from Turkey but he travelled all over the world, having many adventures. One of his adventures took place in a country called Libya. There, he came across an old man who told him that the people were having terrible trouble with a dragon.



There was nothing good about this dragon, he was greedy and dangerous and cruel.



The dragon threatened the people, saying that he would burn all their houses and crops unless they gave him one sheep a week to eat, so they did. But soon, the people ran out of sheep to give the dragon. When they explained this to him, he just laughed and said that instead, he would have to start eating some of them! He wanted them to give him one young woman a week to gobble up instead of a sheep.



The King, who was a kind man, was very upset. He didn't want any of the people in his land to end up as food for a dragon and he didn't know what to do.

Luckily the King had a daughter, who in a way was as brave as St George, and she told him not to worry because she had an idea.



She said the King should send her to the dragon and at the same time make a decree that if there was a knight who was courageous enough to rescue her, she would consider marrying him. It was a big risk, and the King was afraid because he loved his beautiful daughter very much but eventually, he agreed.

As soon as St George heard that they needed a brave knight to rescue a princess and her people, he knew this was a job for him.



He fought with the dragon and killed it, then he and the princess rode back to the palace together.



The King was overjoyed to see his daughter again, because she was more precious to him than all his riches. He thanked St George and pronounced him a true hero and they all lived happily ever after.