



Learning at Churches Conservation Trust

St George and the Dragon Learning Resources

St George is famous as the patron saint of England and his feast day is celebrated on 23rd April. The image of St George vanquishing the dragon is a popular one, often found inside historic churches within wall paintings, stained glass and carvings.

The resource includes an image of St George and the Dragon from a stunning collection of medieval wall paintings, plastered over during the 16th century, then rediscovered during restoration work in the 19th century. These can be explored in more detail at visitchurches.org.uk/visit/st-lawrence-broughton

The pack is a 'Pick and Mix', allowing you to choose content based on the time available and the needs of your class. Below is some information on each part of the resource.

To download the full resource pack go to visitchurches.org.uk/what-we-do/learning/schools or contact learning@thecct.org.uk

1. CCT St George: Introduction

This PowerPoint introduces the traditional stories of St George and highlights common features in his depiction. There is also a brief look at other dragons sometimes seen in churches.

There are notes for teachers on every slide as well as sound clips, read by one of our Heritage Learning Officers. In the top right hand corner of each slide you will see a speaker icon, if you wish to play the sound clip, clicking on this icon should start playback.

Ideas for discussion before viewing the presentation

- Do you know of any buildings or places named St George – church, school or somewhere else?
- Are there any Scouts in the class? What do they know about St George?
- Do you mark St George's day, and if so how?
- If you were drawing a picture of St George, what would you include?

2. CCT St George: Create a Coat of Arms

The familiar red cross on a white background features in many images of St George. Look at other examples of coats of arms and follow a step-by-step guide to designing your own.

3. CCT St George: Make a Wind Breathing Dragon

Start with a cardboard tube or a plastic bottle, decorate with tissue or crepe paper, then use the wind to create the fiery flames coming from your fire/wind-breathing dragon.

4.a. & 4.b. CCT St George: Word puzzles

A printable word-search and word-scramble.

5. CCT Feedback Form

Your feedback is important to us and will help with the development of further resources. Please take the time to complete and then email it back to us, thank you!

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Churches Conservation Trust (CCT) is the national charity caring for historic churches and their heritage. With over 350 beautiful church buildings in its care, CCT's collection includes irreplaceable examples of art, architecture and archaeology from over 1,000 years of history.

Our churches are unique spaces that inspire creativity and learning at every age and stage of life. For centuries, these special buildings have witnessed personal moments and the collective histories of the local community they sit in. Today, we work with diverse communities across England to encourage the use, enjoyment and appreciation of these important places; a fundamental part of our shared heritage.

CCT's Learning and Participation Team offers a range of inclusive activities for schools, families and adults taking place in local churches, within communities and online. We welcome people of all faiths and none to engage with the stories and investigate the questions contained in these historic places. Our churches are free to access and open to all.

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