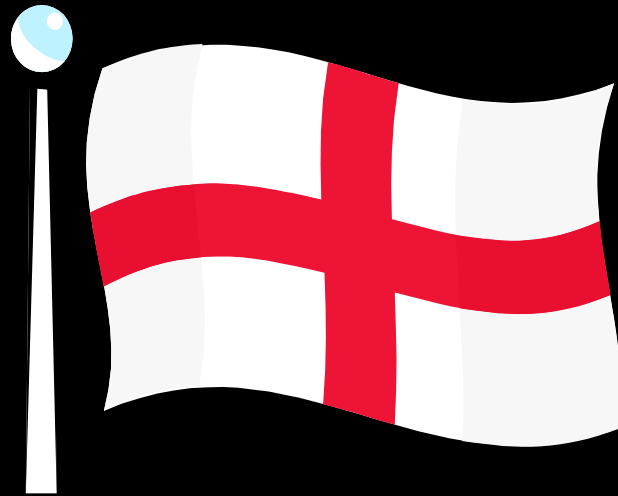




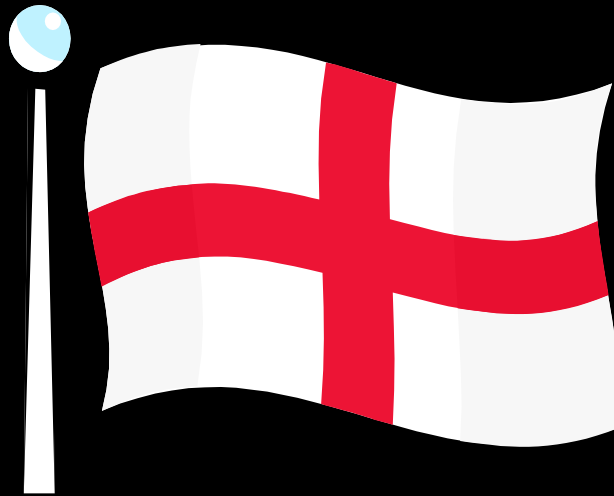
St. George's
Day

Today many people in
England are celebrating
St. George's Day.



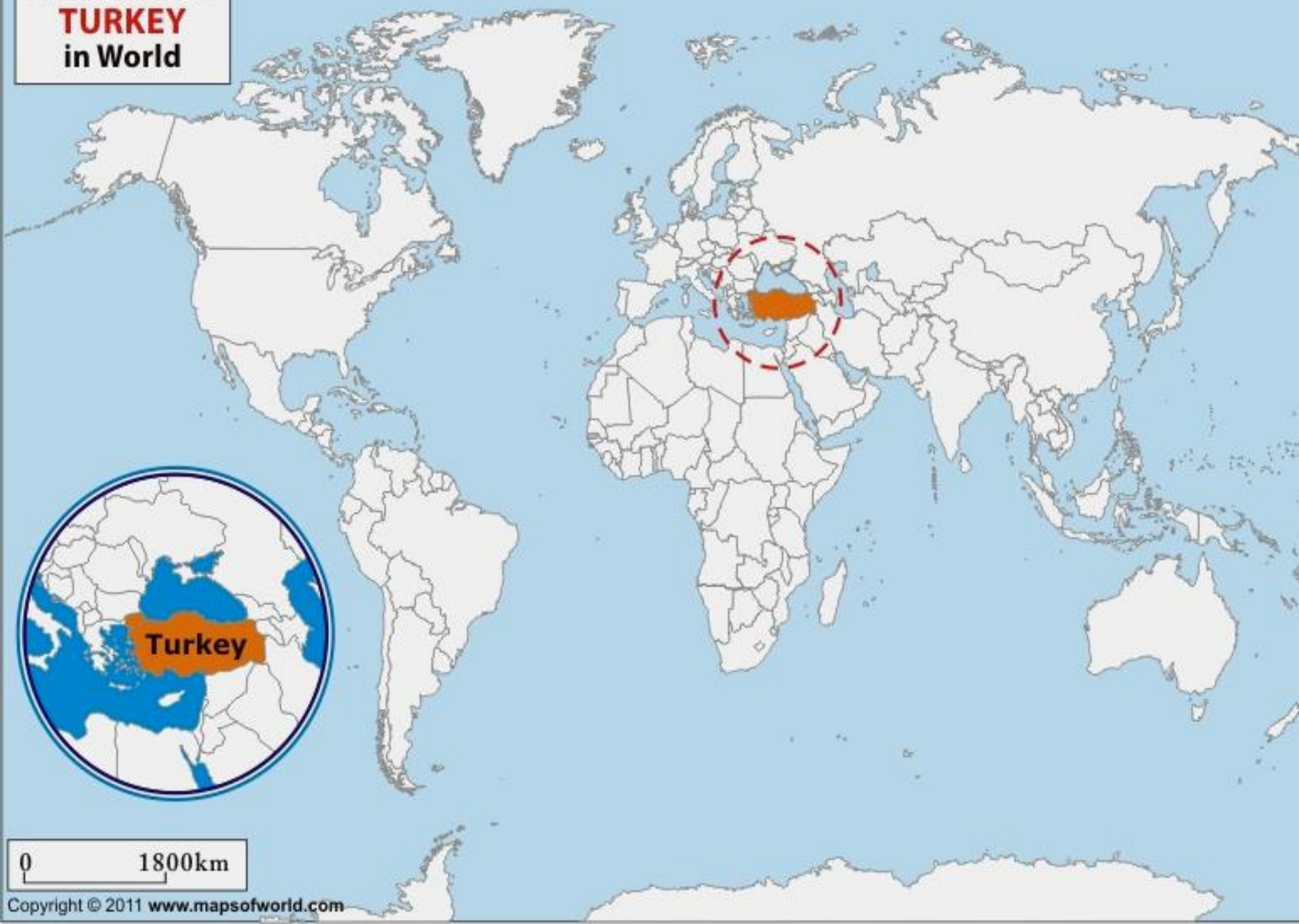
But who was St. George?

**There is a lot written about St. George.
Some of it is fact, but some is fiction.**



**Let's start with what is believed
to be fact...**

**Location of
TURKEY
in World**



0 1800km

George was an excellent soldier and was chosen to protect the emperor, Emperor Diocletian.



Emperor Diocletian was not a Christian, in fact he hated Christians! He ordered that any Christians within the Roman army should be killed!



George disagreed with the emperor and told him that he was, himself, a Christian. The emperor didn't want to lose one of his best soldiers and tried to convince George to stop being a Christian. He even offered him land and money!



Time and time again, George refused the emperor's offers, saying that his Christian faith was too important to him.

Eventually Diocletian lost patience and had George beheaded on 23rd April 303.

Christians were so proud of George's bravery that he was made a saint.

They built churches in his honour and George's story was used to demonstrate the power of faith and to convince others to become Christians.

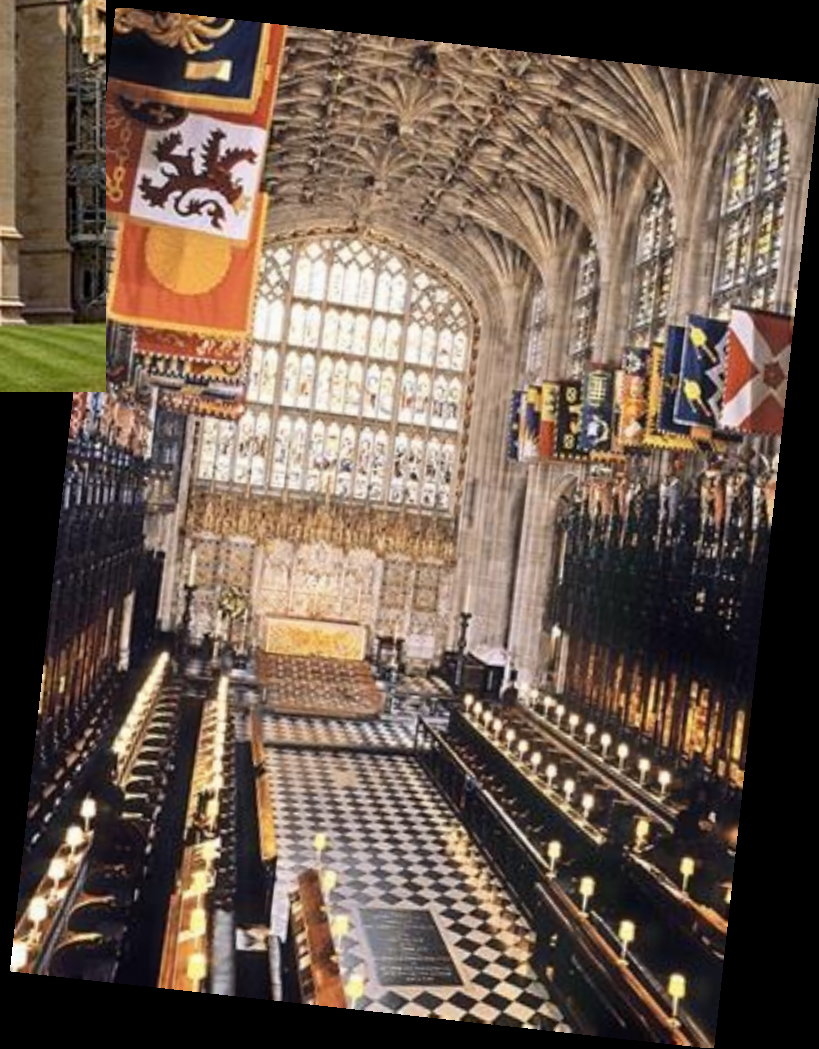


Saint George, which is a name given to some Christians to show they are special. All over the world churches were built and named after him. When English soldiers went to fight in different countries they heard about Saint George. They wore red crosses on their clothes and shields and called it the cross of Saint George.

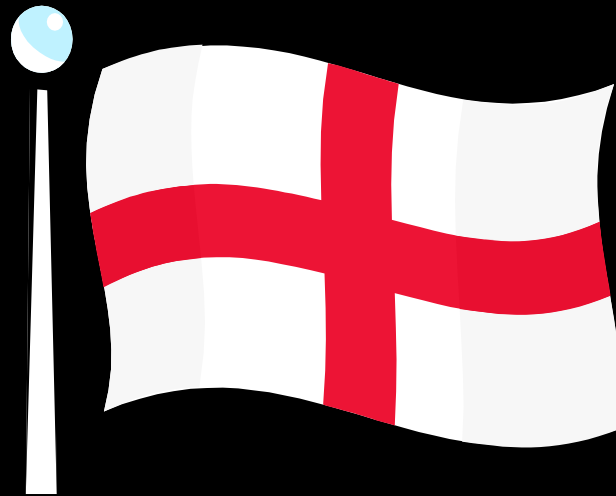




Over a thousand years ago
The King of England,
Edward the third ordered
that Saint George should
be the special Saint for
England. He had a church
built near his castle. The
Queen still uses it today.



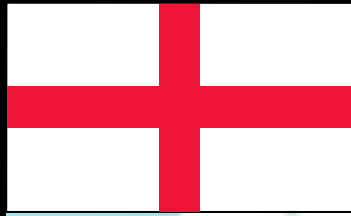
So those were the facts...



Now for the fiction...

Stories began to be told about Saint George. These stories were not true but some people believed them.

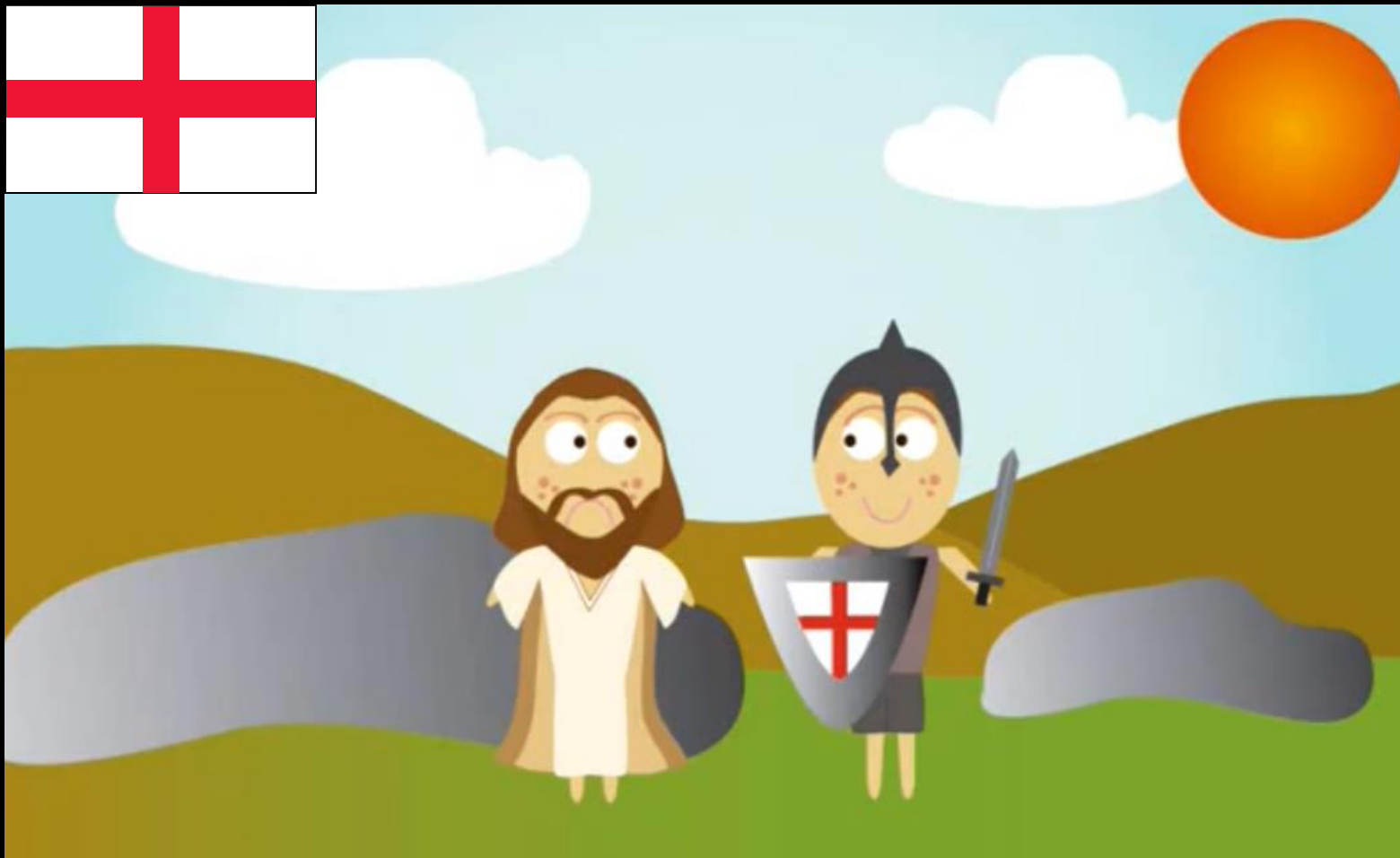




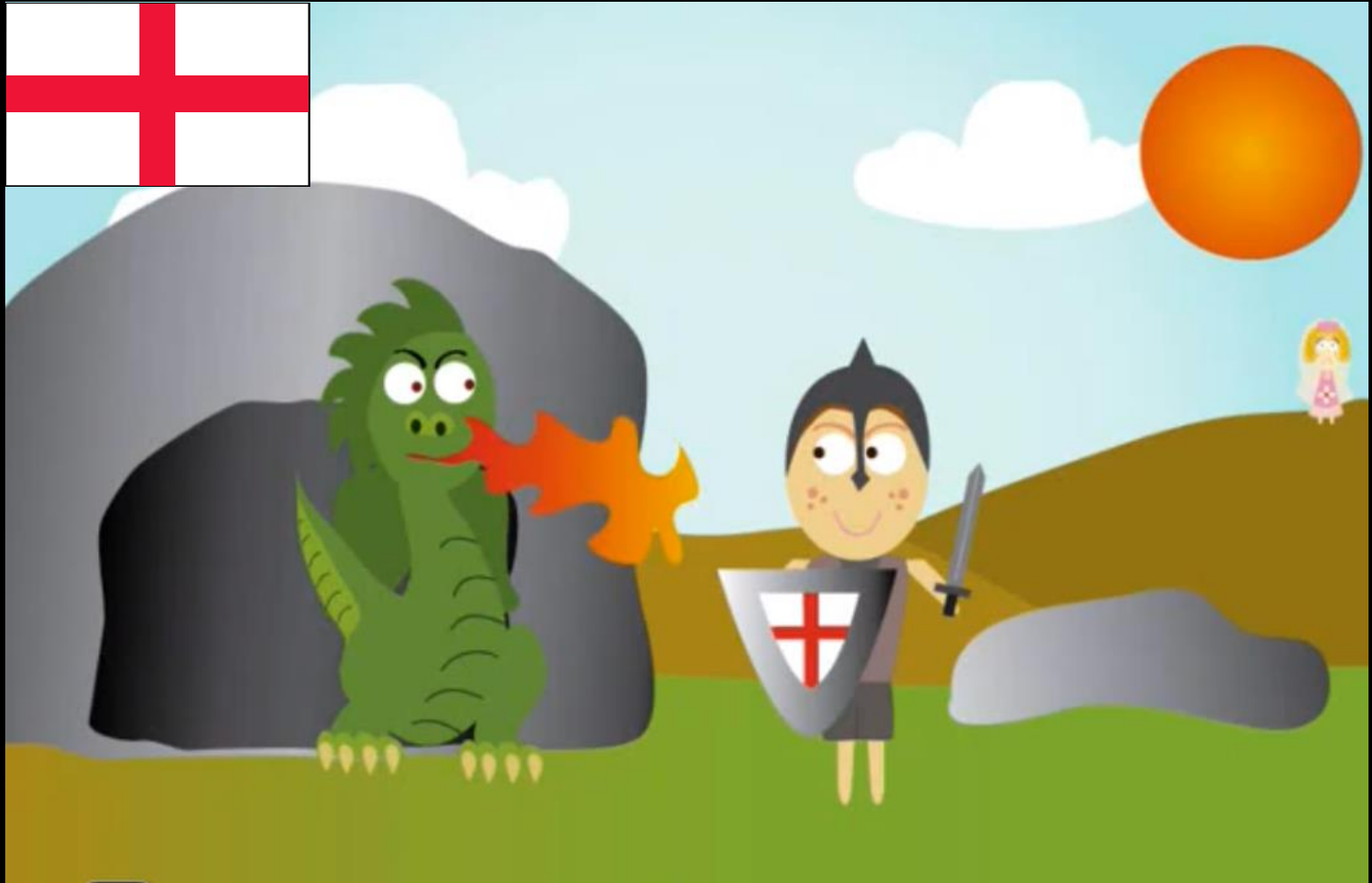
Long ago in Turkey lived a soldier called George.



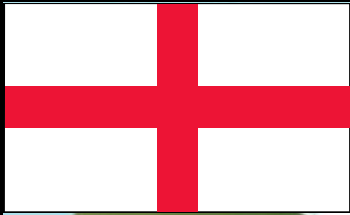
He sailed across the sea to a land called Libya.



When he got there a man told him that his village was being terrorised by a dragon. Each day they had to feed a maiden to the dragon, and now only the king's daughter was left.



George was a brave soldier. He said that he would kill the dragon and save the princess and the village.



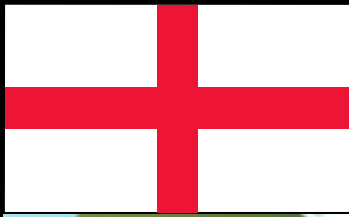
He threw his spear at the dragon, but it hit his tough scales and broke in two.



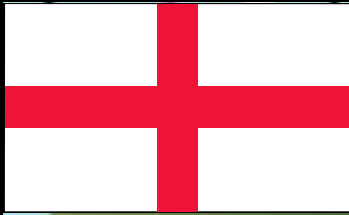
The dragon was furious and knocked George onto the ground!



George tried to stab the dragon with his sword but, again, the scales were too tough.



George escaped and ran behind a tree. The dragon breathed fire at George, but his shield protected him.



George leapt from behind the tree. As the dragon took another breath to breathe out fire, George stuck his sword between his ribs. The dragon was dead!




The village was saved! George married the princess and they lived happily ever after.

As exciting as this story is, it is only a legend.

Dragons were often used in stories to represent evil. So this story could represent George's battle with Emperor Diocletian.



A male lion with a large, golden-brown mane is lying down on a dark, textured rock. The lion's head is turned slightly to the right, and its eyes are closed. The background is a bright, slightly cloudy sky. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

Courage

doesn't always roar.
Sometimes courage is
the little voice at the
end of the day that
says I'll try again
tomorrow

Mary Anne Radmacher

LESSONS
LEARNED
life

The background of the image is the St. George's Cross, which consists of a white field with a prominent red cross. The cross is composed of a vertical bar and a horizontal bar of equal width, intersecting in the center. The text is overlaid on this background.

**Happy
St. George's
Day**

There are people in the UK and all
around the world helping each other
and showing courage.

God loves us all

We respect and welcome
everyone in our school.









Tiger playing in Thailand





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South Sudan held a wrestling for peace tournament, bringing together athletes from around the country. Here two participants from Imatong and Terekeka counties wrestle at Juba Stadium, on April 20, 2016. The last big tournament was cancelled when civil war broke out in December 2013.



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Police officers continued to search for missing victims in the village of Minamiaso, Kumamoto prefecture, Japan. Buildings and roads in the mountain town had been destroyed by an earthquake and landslide on Saturday.



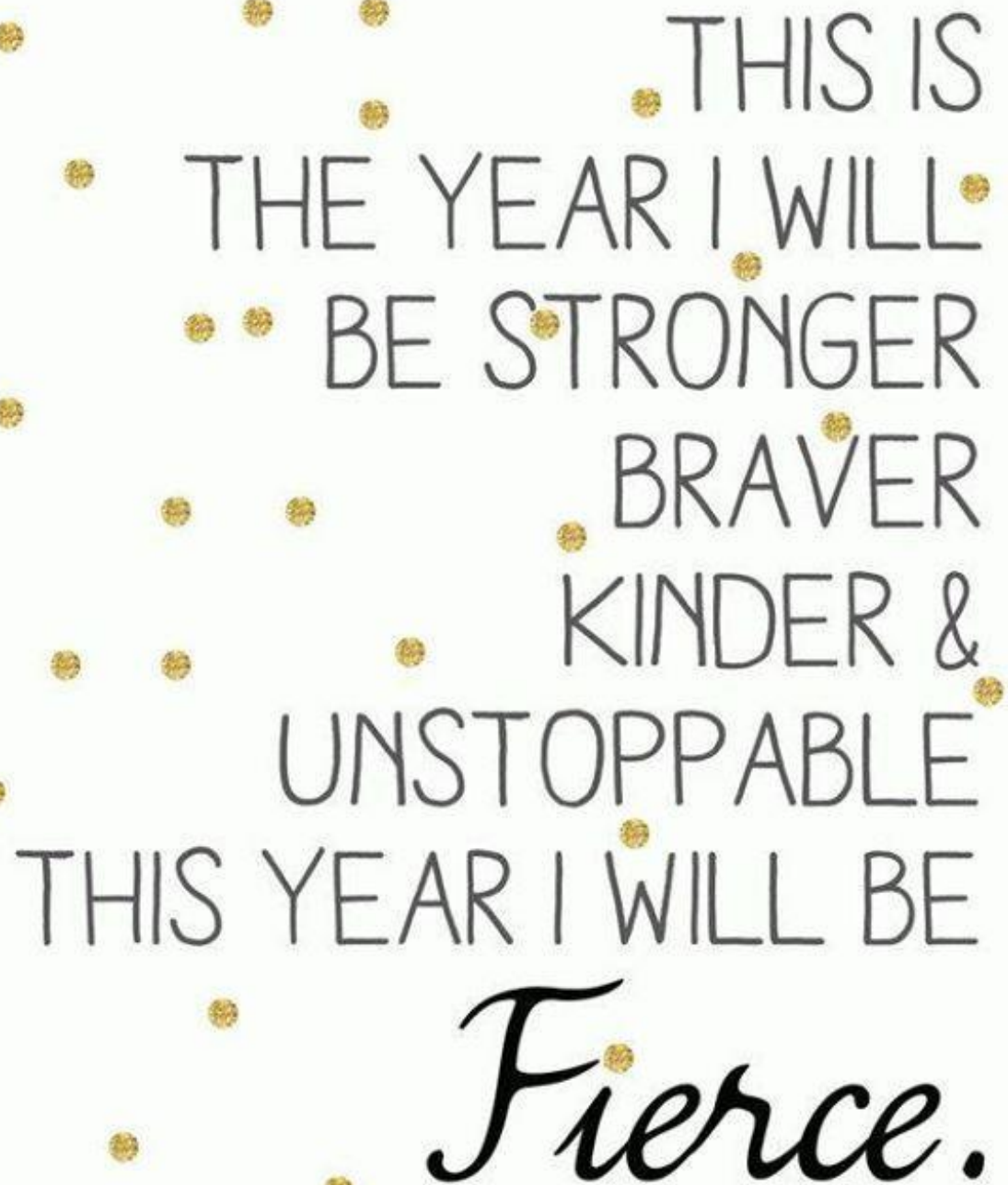
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On the other side of the world in Ecuador, rescuers were also searching for survivors following a 7.8 quake in Muisne. Thousands of people have been left homeless, making them vulnerable to dirty drinking water and disease, and nearly 600 killed.



JOHN STILLWELL / F

Britain's Queen Elizabeth II celebrated her 90th birthday with a walkabout in Windsor where she met well-wishers who lined the streets. The monarch also unveiled a plaque marking The Queen's Walkway - a trail stretching nearly four miles that links 63 significant points in Windsor.



THIS IS
THE YEAR I WILL
BE STRONGER
BRAVER
KINDER &
UNSTOPPABLE
THIS YEAR I WILL BE
Fierce.

Being brave is a lot like faith

How do we prepare ourselves for the fight? Do we rely on our own strength? No. Instead, we need to obey Ephesians 6:10 and “be strong *in the Lord* and in *His* mighty power” (emphasis mine). He will never leave us or forsake us (Joshua 1:5). His presence is what makes us brave.



The question is: What do we do when we're afraid?

The Scriptures offer the same suggestion in a number of places:

“When I am afraid, I will trust in you” (Psalm 56:3).

“...in God I trust; I will not be afraid” (Psalm 56:4).

“I will trust and not be afraid” (Isaiah 12:2).

Brave and faith go hand in hand. In order to trust and have faith, we need to be brave. And in order to be brave, we need to trust in God and have faith in Him, His presence, and His power.

