



ST. GEORGE AND THE DRAGON

A Short Simple Musical Play for Young Actors

Duration: Approx 30-35 mins, mostly performed by ages 7-11

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Cast

George	Diocletian (A Roman Emperor)
Narrator 1	Narrator 2
Guards (non-speaking)	Dragon
Gladiator.....	Announcer
Christians including Christian 1 and Christian 2.....
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Two Knights in Armour.....	Hermit
Princess Sabra.....	Her father (King of Egypt)
Sabra's Servants 1 and 2	King's Servants (optional, non-speaking)

Dancers:

Jupiter - King of the gods	Minerva - goddess of wisdom
Juno - Jupiter's wife, goddess of women	Neptune - the god of the sea
Diana - goddess of the moon and hunting	Mercury - the messenger of the gods
Mithras - the sun god.	Venus - goddess of love and beauty
Mars - the god of war	Cupid - god of love and beauty

Notes: This play can be performed with or without staging and curtains. If desired, the main character (George) can be played by two actors (as a young man in the first part of the play, and as an older man in the dragon scene)

Props Needed: Microphones for Narrators and Announcer. Some paintings of St. George and the dragon (done by the children) Sword, shield, armour and spear for George. Sword, shield and armour for gladiator and knights. Dragon mask, St George's Flags, spear for Diana, trident for Neptune, bow and arrow for Cupid, piece of rope for servants, banner with words of final song.

Narrator 1: Good morning! Our play today is all about the man who became St George. You have probably heard of St. George. He is the patron Saint of England. St George is also the patron saint of other places such as Aragon, Catalonia, Georgia, Lithuania, Palestine and Portugal. St George is also the saint of soldiers, archers, cavalry, farmers and field workers, riders and saddlers, and he helped people suffering from leprosy, plague and other diseases. Every nation has its own patron saint. Saint David is the patron saint of Wales, Saint Andrew of Scotland, and Saint Patrick is the patron Saint of Ireland. Saint George is the patron saint of England. But who was Saint George, and what did he do to become England's patron saint?

Saint George is famous in England for being brave, but actually he wasn't English at all. He was born in Cappadocia (now Eastern Turkey) in the year 270 A.D.

Narrator 2: Not much is known about Saint George's life, but it seems that George was a high ranking officer in the Roman army who was executed in around AD303. An Emperor at the time had Saint George tortured to make him abandon his Christian beliefs. However despite his terrible torture Saint George showed amazing strength and courage. He did not give up his faith. In fact, he taught Christian beliefs to the Romans. When the emperor discovered this, he was finally beheaded near Lydda in Palestine. His head was later taken to Rome where it was buried in a church there. Stories of his strength and courage soon spread throughout Europe.

Narrator 1 (Volunteers hold up pictures) Look at our pictures. Pictures of St. George usually show him killing a dragon to rescue a beautiful maiden. In the Middle ages, people imagined that the devil was a dragon. In our paintings, the dragon stands for wickedness and evil. The maiden stands for purity, goodness and truth. Christians regard St. George as a brave martyr who fought his own battles against the devil to teach his Christian beliefs to others.

Narrator 1: George was a Christian and his parents were Christian. When he was a young man he joined the Roman army (**Enter George, with sword in scabbard**) He served under a famous Roman Emperor called Diocletian.

Narrator 2: Even though he was surrounded by Pagans, George never forgot his Christian faith. He served his emperor well, and soon became famous for his bravery and his skill in battle. (**Enter Diocletian grandly, announced by the announcer, with guards attending**)

Announcer: Make way for the emperor! Make way! Make way!

Diocletian: *(to George)* So! You are George, are you? They tell me you have become a wise and fearless soldier in my army. Let's see if it's true!

Announcer: *(Claps hands, calls for gladiator....Gladiator enters, swaggering around the stage. George fights gladiator and slays him. Gladiator is taken offstage by guards, who then return)*

Diocletian: Splendid, George! You are a great fighter and a brave soldier. I am glad you joined my army. But you have one terrible terrible fault!

George: What fault is that, my Lord?

Diocletian: You are a Christian! Why can't you be a good Roman and worship our Roman Gods instead?

George: I know nothing of your Gods and your faith, sir! I was taught to be a devout Christian.

Diocletian: Then sit and watch the show which is being performed here today! Watch and learn! *(Diocletian and George sit to one side of the stage with guards.)*

CD TRACK 1.....Gods and Goddesses

You should follow our beliefs Watch our show and see
Roman Gods and Goddesses in all their majesty! *(Jupiter and Juno dance across the stage)*
Hail the mighty Jupiter! The greatest God of all so wise and fair!

You should follow our beliefs Watch our show and see
Roman Gods and Goddesses in all their majesty! *(Diana and Mithras dance across the stage)*
Hail fair Diana and Mithras! They bring the moon and golden sun to us!

You should follow our beliefs. Watch our show and see
Roman Gods and Goddesses in all their majesty *(Neptune and Mercury dance across the stage)*
Hail to Neptune of the sea! And the messenger whose name is Mercury!

You should follow our beliefs Watch our show and see
Roman Gods and Goddesses in all their majesty! *(Venus and Cupid dance across the stage)*
Hail to Venus and her boy They bring to us such beauty, love and joy!

Diocletian: Well, Sir George, what did you think of our show? I want you to give up your religion and join ours. Let us teach you more about the Gods and Goddesses of Rome.

George: My emperor- I will serve you, because you are the head of the nation. But nothing can make me serve your Gods.

Diocletian: I warn you, George. Christians are treated badly in this great city. Let's teach you more about the Gods and Goddesses of Rome.

***** CD TRACK 2: Dance Music *****

Announcer: *(Enters. Announces Gods individually as they enter and dance across the stage. Alternatively, they all dance in a group and step forward as they are announced)*

Jupiter – The King of all the gods
Juno - Jupiter's wife. The supreme goddess of all women.
Diana - The goddess of the moon and hunting
Mithras- the sun god
Mars - the god of war
Minerva - the goddess of wisdom
Neptune - the god of the sea
Mercury - the messenger of the gods
Venus - the goddess of love and beauty
Cupid - the god of love and beauty

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