









FOLLOWERS – LESSON PLAN

Age	Term	Mod.	Module Theme	Module Title	Lesson Number and Title
17	2	4	CELEBRATIONS	Martyrs	73: St George

Use the syllabus framework to complete above. Infants: 20 minutes; Juniors: 30 minutes; Middles & Seniors: 45 minutes
(Mod. = Module Number, Module Theme - in the heading, Module Title - uppercase in the cell, Lesson Num [NO. column] and Title)

							
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Tick the appropriate box(es) above [copy this: ☒] for the modes of learning being used in this session.

Prayer: Trisagion Prayers

Starter: Naming Quiz: Call out alternately in two teams those **(a) countries (b) regions and cities** that have St George as a patron saint :- (Give each team a few minutes to prepare).

Answer: (Countries): England, Bulgaria, Georgia, Palestine, Ethiopia, Serbia, Slovenia, Lithuania, Portugal, Malta, Montenegro.

(Regions and Cities): Bavaria, Haldern and Freiburg in Germany, Catalonia in Spain, Genoa and Ferrara in Italy, Beirut in Lebanon, Moscow in Russia, Modica in Sicily and London.

Learning objectives: To know the principle elements of St George's life and death together with an understanding of the converting power of his martyrdom. To reflect on the significance of his particular martyrdom for contemporary life.

Core Activities and Learning

The Life of St George has been distorted by many fanciful Latin Medieval legends, many brought back to Europe by the Crusaders. The popular story of the "dragon" is not found in any ancient texts but in iconographic symbolism represents this military saint as "All-Victorious" over the devil, paganism and superstition.

A more reliable account of the saint's life is given in Resource Sheet 73 which helpfully explains why St George has become the patron saint of not only England but also many other countries.

1. Shared reading by the students of the Life of St George.
2. A prominent aspect of the martyrdom of St George concerns how the sufferings, healings and miracles of his trials before death converted others to Christ, including the persecuting Emperor Diocletian's wife Alexandra.

DISCUSS: Our sufferings cannot be compared in intensity with those of St George. However, the way of the Cross remains just as powerful and true for us today as it did for him in the early 4th century.

Q: What have I done which cost me something (in time, money, or effort) that has had a positive impact on some other person? What produced this impact?

It has often been said that what we do for Christ speaks even more powerfully than what say alone. St George confessed his faith in Christ with his lips. This was absolutely necessary BUT he was then prepared to back that up with actions with great courage and faith. Actions take words and amplify them as if through a loudspeaker.

Q: How do you think that you may be called in your life to confess Christ? What obstacles may you have to overcome and what trials may you have to endure? How will God help you?

Resources: Resource Sheet 73

Review: St George's great love for Christ made him All-Victorious over every opposing power. With even just a little of his faith we can accomplish everything, triumph over everything.

Follow Up: Research the life of the saint of the next lesson (74): Holy, Glorious Demetrios, the Great Martyr and Myrrh-gusher of Thessalonica