

## 01 George and the dragon

Once upon a time there was a brave knight called George. George had lots of adventures as he travelled by horse across many lands.

One day he came to a small village and met a man who lived in a cave next to the village.

The hermit told the knight about the awful things that were happening there. A terrible dragon had come to live in the lake and attacked the village every day.

The villagers didn't know what to do. First, they gave the dragon all their food, but the dragon just took the food and still attacked the village.

So then the villagers gave the dragon all the animals from their farms. The dragon took all the animals, but continued to attack the villagers.

So then they gave the dragon all their gold and jewels. The dragon took all their money, but still was not satisfied.

The king sent his army to try and capture the dragon, but the dragon was too strong and the knights of the army were too scared and they ran away.

With nothing left to give, the king could only think of one thing to help protect his people. He sent his only daughter, the princess, to the lake to wait for the dragon.

When George heard this he rode as fast as he could to the lake. Just then the dragon jumped out from the lake and was going to eat the princess.

George attacked the dragon. He fought very bravely, won the fight and killed the dragon. George and the princess returned to the village and everyone was very pleased that they would have no more problems with the dragon.

Today, the story of George's bravery is remembered and George is known as the patron saint of many countries.

## 02 Jack and the beanstalk

Once upon a time there was a boy called Jack. He lived with his mother. They were very poor. All they had was a cow.

One morning, Jack's mother told Jack to take their cow to market and sell her. On the way, Jack met a man. He gave Jack some magic beans for the cow.

Jack took the beans and went back home. When Jack's mother saw the beans she was very angry.

She threw the beans out of the window. The next morning, Jack looked out of the window. There was a giant beanstalk. He went outside and started to climb the beanstalk.

He climbed up to the sky through the clouds. Jack saw a beautiful castle. He went inside.

Jack heard a voice. "Fee, f, fo, fum!" Jack ran into a cupboard.

An enormous giant came into the room and

sat down. On the table there was a hen and a golden harp.

"Lay!" said the giant. The hen laid an egg. It was made of gold. "Sing!" said the giant.

The harp began to sing. Soon the giant was asleep.

Jack jumped out of the cupboard. He took the hen and the harp. Suddenly, the harp sang, "Help, master!" The giant woke up and shouted, "Fee, f, fo, fum!" Jack ran and started climbing down the beanstalk.

The giant came down after him.

Jack shouted, "Mother! Help!" Jack's mother took an axe and chopped down the beanstalk. The giant fell and crashed to the ground.

Nobody ever saw him again.

With the golden eggs and the magic harp, Jack and his mother lived happily ever after.

### 03 The magic paintbrush

Rose loved drawing. She was very poor and didn't have pens or pencils. She drew pictures in the sand with sticks. One day, an old woman saw Rose and said, "Hello! Here's a paintbrush and some paper for you."

"Thank you!" smiled Rose. She was so happy. "Hmmm, what can I paint?" she thought. She looked around and saw a duck on the pond. "I know! I'll paint a duck!" So she did. Suddenly, the duck flew out of the paper and onto the pond. "Wow!" she said. "A magic paintbrush!"

Rose was a very kind girl and she painted pictures for everyone in her village. She painted a cow for the farmer, pencils for the teacher and toys for all the children.

The king heard about the magic paintbrush and sent a soldier to find Rose. "Come with me," said the soldier. "The king wants you to paint some money for him."

"But he's already rich," said Rose. "I only paint to help poor people."

But the nasty soldier took Rose to the king. "Paint me a tree with lots of money on it," he shouted.

Rose was brave and said, "No!" So the king sent her to prison. But Rose painted a key for the door and a horse to help her escape. The king chased after her. So she painted a big hole, and SPLAT! The king fell in.

Today, Rose only uses her magic paintbrush to help people who really, really need help.