



St Edmund's Day
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Children's Learning and Activity Pack



St Edmund Fact Sheet

The town of Bury St Edmunds is not named because St Edmund is buried here but because it was surrounded by walls and ditches 'Bury' or 'Burgh' meant a place with a wall around it, like Glastonbury or Edinburgh

Edmund was crowned King of East Anglia when he was only 14 years old

He was a Christian King and he fought the Danes who were led by Ivar the Boneless

Edmund was captured but would not give up being a Christian

He was tied to a tree, shot with arrows and had his head chopped off

His friends found his head in some woods being guarded by a huge wolf

When they put his head and body together they magically stuck as if they had never been separated

People believed Edmund worked lots of other miracles and they made him a Saint

St Edmund's body was moved to the town which was known as Beodricsworth before it eventually became Bury St Edmunds

In the year 1020 King Cnut decided that a Church should be built for St Edmund

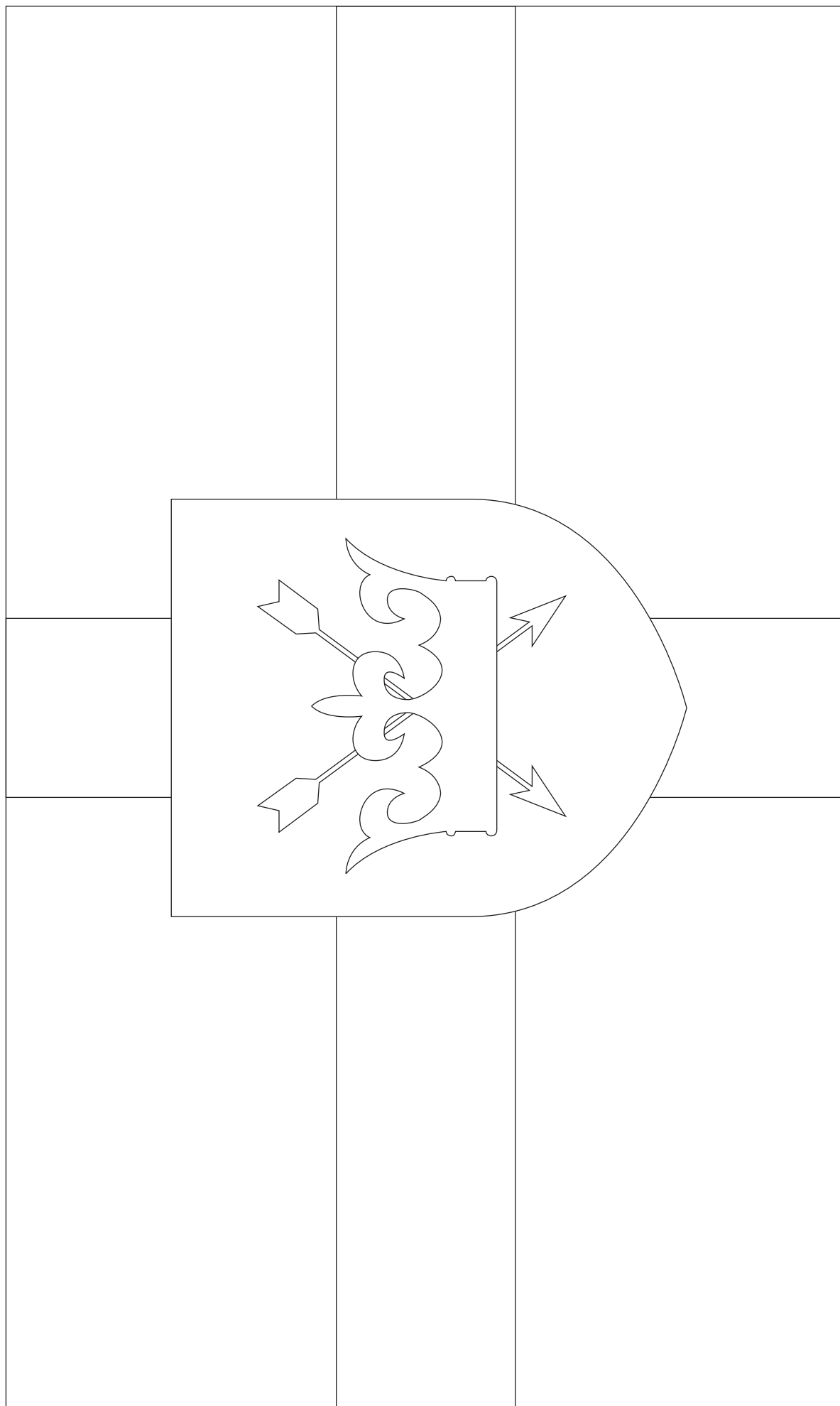
The Church later became the enormous Abbey of St Edmund and lots of pilgrims came to see his shrine



Colour your own St Edmund flag



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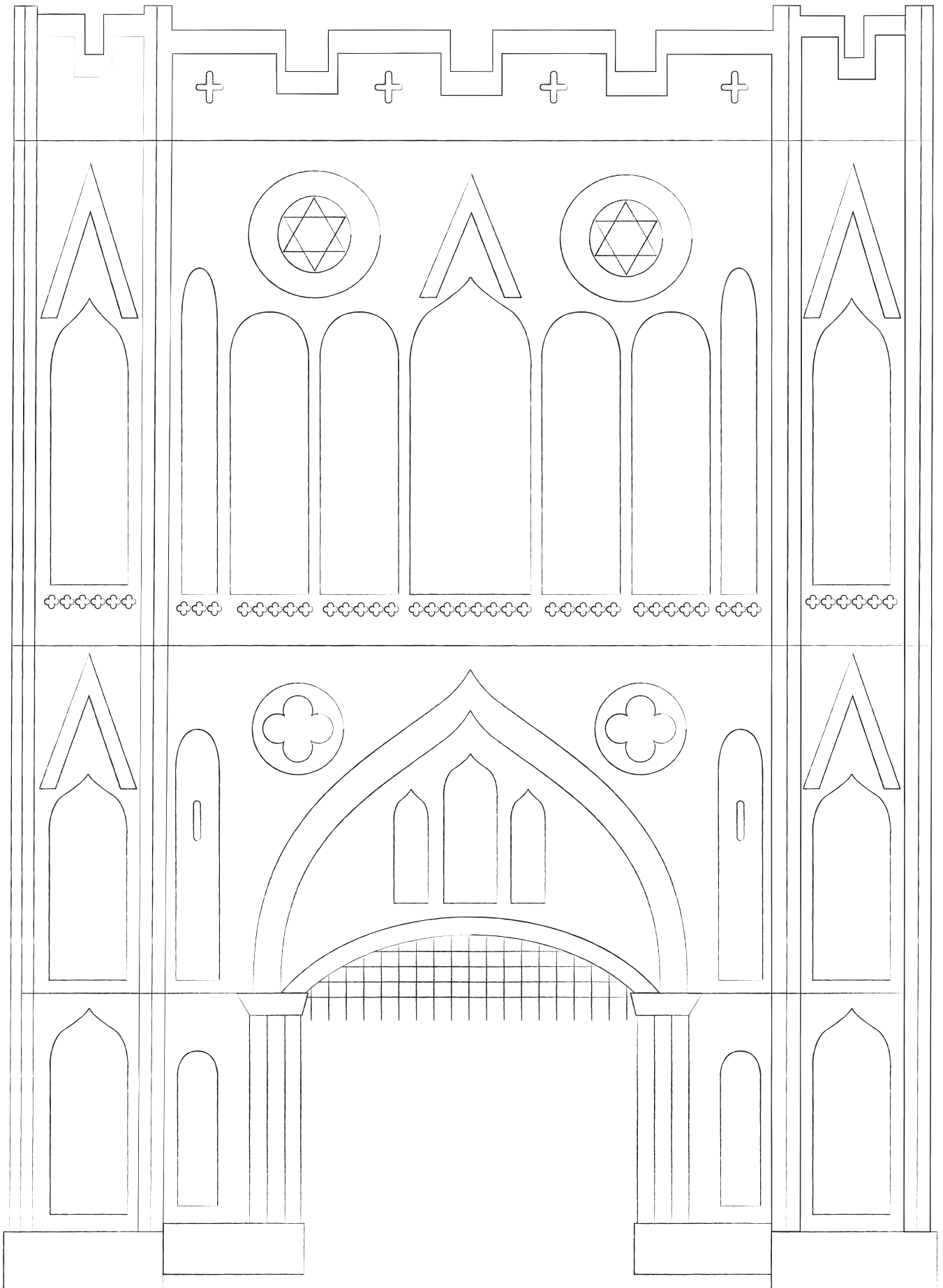


Draw your own statues on the Abbey Gate

Years ago statues would have sat within the arches of the gate.



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