

Do Great Things for God

John Knox



The Boy Who Changed a Country

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Welcome to the
Do Great Things for God
Series!

In each of these books, you will meet someone who, in some ways, was very ordinary, just like you and me. Sometimes they were brave, sometimes they were scared, and sometimes they made mistakes.

But in other ways the person you're about to meet was very *extraordinary* – because they knew that God is great and they wanted to serve God, and God used them to do great things.

So enjoy meeting John Knox!



Young John Knox was bored. He was growing up in Haddington in the south-east of Scotland in the 1530s, and it was his daily Latin lesson. He was good at Latin, but he didn't really like it. And he didn't like people asking, "John, What are you going to do when you grow up?"



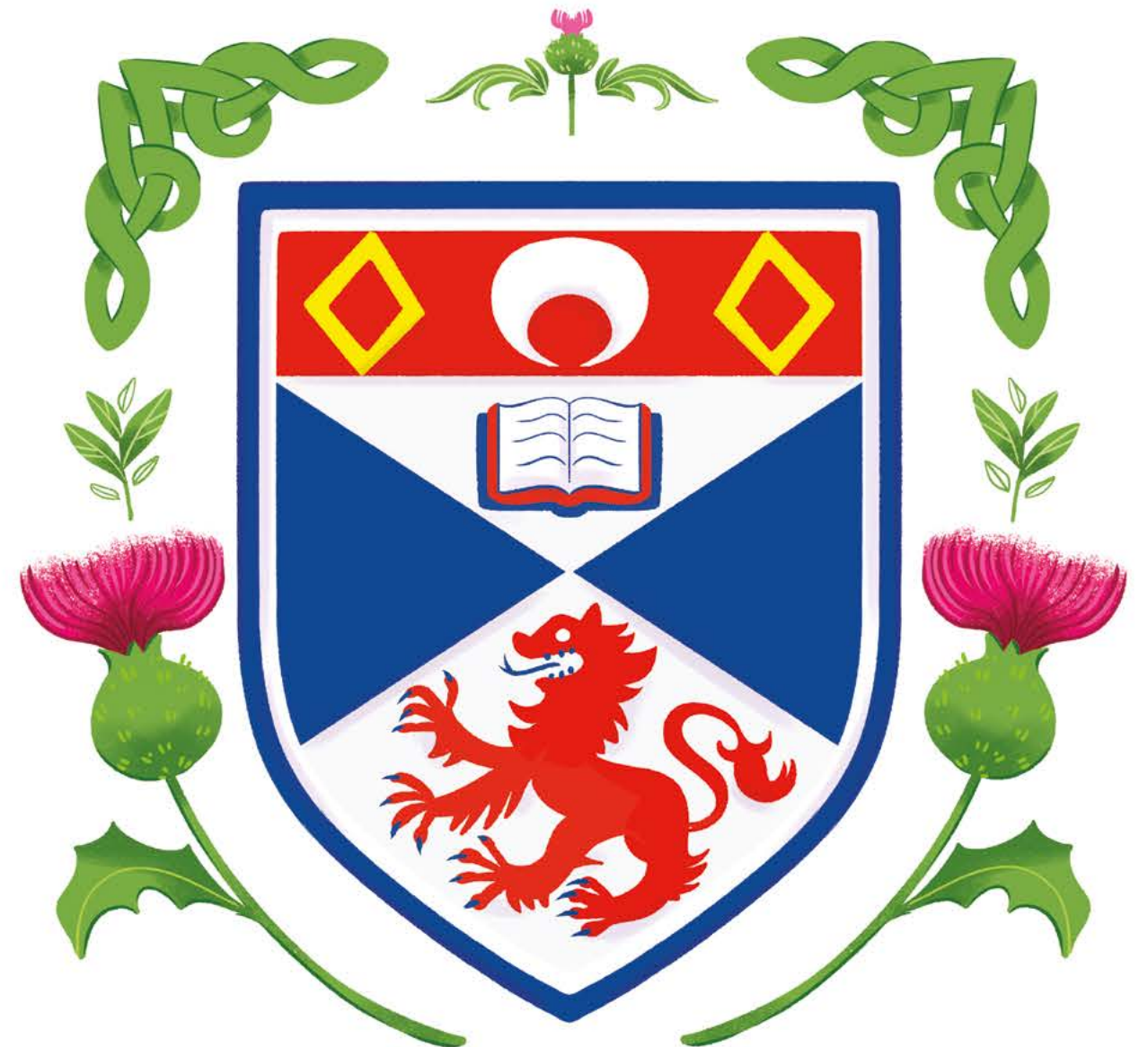


"Will I become a priest?" he wondered.

"Or a teacher? Or a lawyer? Or will I become a soldier who carries a sword, and fight the English next time the Scottish army faces them in battle?"

John did become a priest—and a lawyer, and a teacher.
And for a while he did carry a sword.

But first he went to St Andrews University. Then he
became a priest who was a lawyer and a teacher!



Although he was busy, John did not feel at peace.
Although he was doing lots of good things, saying his
prayers, and going to church, he wasn't sure he was
going to go to heaven when he died.



Then John discovered in the Bible that Jesus had
died to forgive his sins and wanted John to be
with him in heaven! And Jesus had prayed for him!
Now John trusted Jesus as his Saviour and Lord.