



Kids Club Edition

What do you think of when you think about St. Patrick's Day?

Rainbows / Pot of gold



Shamrocks



Celebrations / Parties



Ireland



Parades



Green – lots of green



Who was the real St. Patrick?



Where is Ireland?



Physical Map of the World

St. Patrick Facts:

- **1. Patrick was not born Irish.** While he spent the majority of his life living among and ministering to the Irish people, Patrick was a Roman Briton around 386 A.D.
- **2. Patrick first came to Ireland as the captive of Irish pirates.** Patrick was a teenager when he was sold into slavery by Irish raiders. This began Patrick's spiritual conversion while he labored as a shepherd.
- **3. Patrick escaped slavery with help from a dream.** A voice in his dream told him where he would find a ship, some two hundred miles away, to carry him home to Britain and his family.

St. Patrick Facts:

- **4. Patrick received a vision calling him back to Ireland.** Patrick received another dream in which a man approached him carrying letters from the Irish people and imploring his return. He was invited to live among them as Christ's witness.”
- **5. Patrick’s Irish mission was unpopular.** Few of Patrick’s brother clergy shared his sympathy for the Irish people, who were viewed as barbaric and hostile. He faced hostility in Ireland too from those who did not believe.
- **6. Patrick taught the Gospel through Celtic language and symbolism.** Patrick preached effectively in the Gaelic tongue. While Patrick’s use of the three-leaf clover to illustrate the Trinity was likely a later addition to his legend, The Celtic cross we know today was basically a cross superimposed on the sun... Patrick converted *sun* worshipers to *Son* worshipers.

Relating it back to us

- **Who from the Bible was sold into slavery and then helped save the people he was enslaved to?**
 - Genesis 50:20 states, the evil you planned to do to me has by God's design been turned to good, to bring about the present result: the survival of a numerous people.
- **Do you remember who from the Bible went on a mission from God to a hostile land? (After trying to run away)**
 - While in slavery St. Patrick wrote – “There the Lord opened the sense of my unbelief that I might at last remember my sins and then turn with all my heart to the Lord my God”.
- **Who do you know of that was a shepherd in the Bible?**
- **Who also was rejected a lot during their ministry?**