

Kids' Connection

This Month We Learn About saint Patrick

Who was he?

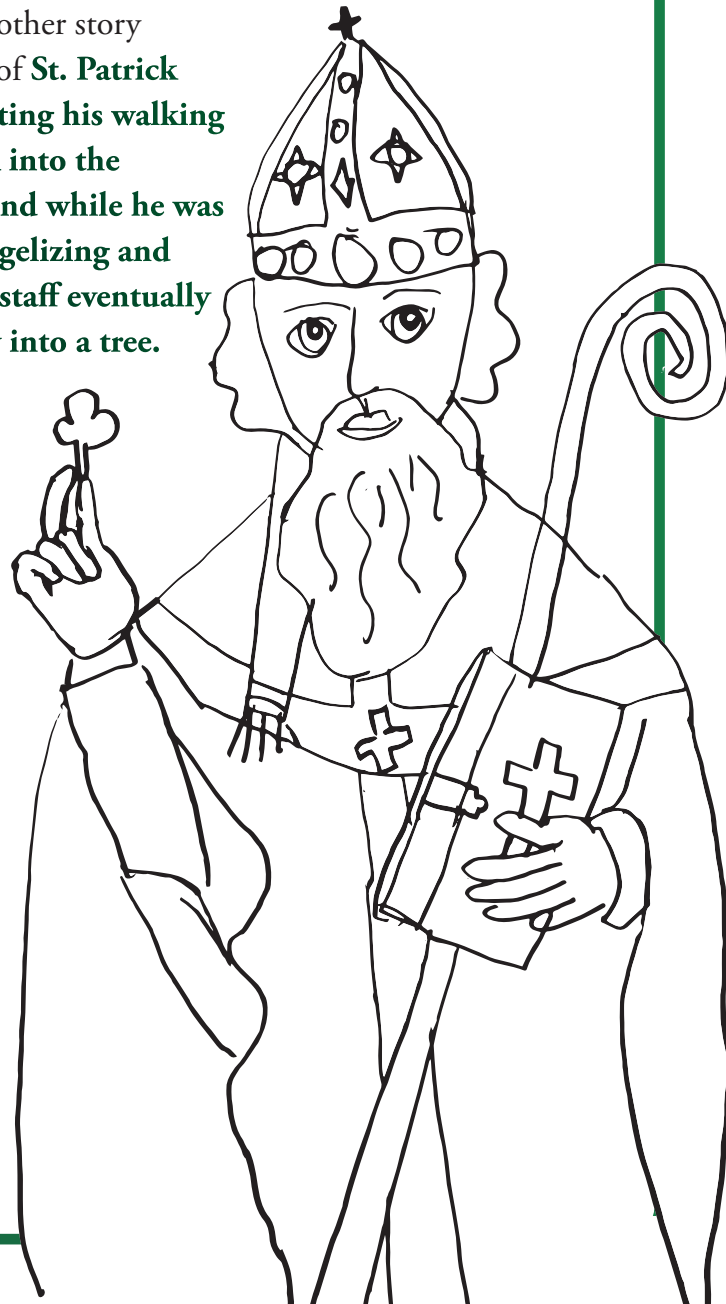
Originally born in Roman Britain, Patrick was captured by pirates when he was 16. They sold him into slavery in Ireland for six years. During his captivity, Patrick converted to Christianity. He eventually escaped and persuaded a ship captain to take him on. He nearly died after the ship landed and the crew walked for 28 days in the wilderness.

Patrick's prayer for sustenance brought them to a herd of wild boar. He eventually returned to Ireland as a missionary, and is often said to be the founder of Christianity there. He had a difficult time in Ireland as a foreigner, especially because he rejected the king's gifts. He was taken captive, robbed and beaten during his missionary work there.

interesting facts

- It is said that **St. Patrick taught the Irish about the Holy Trinity by using a shamrock** to explain the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.
- Legend has it that **St. Patrick banished all the snakes from Ireland**, chasing them into the ocean after they attacked him while he was fasting.

- Another story tells of **St. Patrick planting his walking stick into the ground while he was evangelizing and that staff eventually grew into a tree.**



Word Find

BISHOP	MISSIONARY	SLAVERY
CONVERSION	PATRICK	SNAKES
FOUNDER	PIRATES	WALKING STICK
IRELAND	SHAMROCK	WILD BOAR

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