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ST. PATRICKS

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St Patrick's Day:

- St Patrick's Day is celebrated every year on **March 17th**.
- In Ireland, it is a holy day & **national holiday**.
- St Patrick is the **patron saint** of Ireland.
- He brought **Christianity** to Ireland.
- The story of St Patrick is an interesting one.
- Let's have a look at his life...



St Patrick's Early life:

- St Patrick was born in 385 AD.
- He was born in Wales.
- When he was 16 he was captured by a man called Niall Naoi nGiallach.
- This man brought him to Ireland.
- He was sold to a farmer called Milchu.
- He worked very hard on the farm.
- Watched over the sheep & pigs.
- Patrick prayed every night.
- One night he heard a voice speaking...



St Patrick's escape:

- The voice he heard was God.
- He told him to leave Ireland.
- Patrick stole a boat in the night & escaped to France.
- It was a difficult journey but he survived.
- Eventually he returned home to Wales.
- He realised he wanted to be a priest.
- So he knew he needed to study.
- To do so he travelled back to France.



Becoming a priest:

- Patrick became a wonderful priest.
- Pope Celestine was very happy with him.
- He later became a Bishop.
- One night God spoke to him again in a dream.
- In this dream the people of Ireland were calling for his return.
- He returned to Ireland, with a group of priests.



Return to Ireland:

- Patrick's job in Ireland was to teach about Jesus & Christianity.
- Irish people didn't want to hear what he had to say.
- But he impressed them by knowing Irish.
- One day he picked up a shamrock:



"How many leaves are there?" asked Patrick. They all said three. Then Patrick asked how many seeds were needed to make it. Someone said one. Patrick said this was the same as the Blessed Trinity, God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. A pagan priest said, "I will follow him".



Preaching in Ireland:

- Patrick stayed in Ireland for 60 years.
- He travelled throughout Ireland.
- Preached the Gospel & the word of God.
- Converted 1000's of people to Christianity.
- Began building churches all over Ireland.
- 432 AD - Ireland converted to Christianity.
- 17th March 439AD - St Patrick died.
- His body was buried in a secret location.



St Patrick & the snakes:

- There is a famous story about St Patrick & the snakes.
- It tells of how he drove the snakes out of Ireland.
- Some people believe it's true.
- Others believe it has a hidden meaning.
- They believe it is about how he “drove” the Pagans in Ireland to Christianity.



St Patrick Celebrations:

- St Patrick's Day is celebrated around the world.
- Usually celebrated with parades.
- The parade in Dublin is known as the Irish Mardi Gras to some.
- First St Patrick's Day celebration in USA was in Boston in 1737.
- Largest parade is in New York City.
- It last for hours.
- People wear green on St Patrick's Day.



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A festive St. Patrick's Day graphic. The text "St. Patrick's Day" is rendered in a stylized, green, outlined font. The word "St." is in a smaller, cursive font. The word "Patrick's" is in a bold, serif font. The word "Day" is in a large, bold, serif font. A green leprechaun hat with a black band and an orange buckle is positioned to the right of the text. Three green shamrocks are placed below the word "Patrick's". In the bottom right corner, there is a cluster of green shamrocks.