

# St. Patrick

Read the story and fill in the gaps with the words from the box below.

Patrick's \_\_\_\_\_ was Calpornius and his \_\_\_\_\_ was Conchessa. His family were wealthy and lived in a comfortable villa. They believed in \_\_\_\_\_ and Christianity.

Patrick was taken by a group of \_\_\_\_\_. One of the raiders was known as Niall of the \_\_\_\_\_ Hostages. The raiders kidnapped him and took him against his will to Ireland, where they sold him as a slave to a farmer called \_\_\_\_\_. At times Patrick was so hungry that he resorted to eating the \_\_\_\_\_ food. The only thing Patrick could do was pray. One night a voice spoke to him in a dream and told him to leave the mountain and go to the harbour in \_\_\_\_\_. There would be a boat waiting for him and it would take him back to his native land.

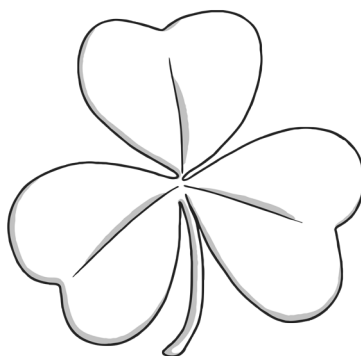
When Patrick escaped and returned home he never forgot about his time in \_\_\_\_\_. He began training very hard to become a \_\_\_\_\_ and he went to study in St. Martin's Monastery in \_\_\_\_\_. Later, Patrick became a \_\_\_\_\_ and returned to England. Pope \_\_\_\_\_ encouraged him to return to Ireland to teach the people about Christianity and to \_\_\_\_\_ them.

When Patrick arrived in Ireland it was \_\_\_\_\_ time and one of the first places he decided to camp at was Slane in County \_\_\_\_\_. He lit a fire and broke the local \_\_\_\_\_. Laoghaire was furious with him and sent his men to \_\_\_\_\_ Patrick and the \_\_\_\_\_.

When the men brought Patrick to see Laoghaire he was stubborn and at first he didn't want to listen to Patrick's explanations. Eventually he listened to him because Patrick could speak \_\_\_\_\_ very well. Patrick picked up a \_\_\_\_\_ and used it to show Laoghaire what Jesus was like. He explained about the Blessed Trinity – God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy \_\_\_\_\_ and how each leaf on the shamrock can remind us of this. In the end, Laoghaire was convinced by Patrick and his teachings and was \_\_\_\_\_. Other \_\_\_\_\_ followed.

Over the next number of years Patrick travelled across the country, spreading the message of Jesus. He went to the four \_\_\_\_\_. People believe he spent sixty years doing this work and he consecrated about three hundred and fifty bishops who would continue his work. He died in County \_\_\_\_\_ on the 17th of March in AD 493 and people believe he is buried at Downpatrick. To this day people travel to Croagh Patrick in County \_\_\_\_\_ on pilgrimage. Meanwhile, the 17th of March is now known as Saint Patrick's Day around the world.

Mayo	baptised	animals'	law	father	Milchu
mother	arrest	baptise	Gaelic	priest	France
bishop	Nine	Easter	priests	shamrock	
Celestine	Meath	Jesus	Waterford	raiders	
provinces	Down	Pagans	Spirit	slavery	



# St. Patrick- Answers

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Patrick was taken by a group of raiders. One of the raiders was known as Niall of the **Nine** Hostages. The raiders kidnapped him and took him against his will to Ireland, where they sold him as a slave to a farmer called Milchu. At times Patrick was so hungry that he resorted to eating the **animals'** food. The only thing Patrick could do was pray. One night a voice spoke to him in a dream and told him to leave the mountain and go to the harbour in **Waterford**. There would be a boat waiting for him and it would take him back to his native land.

When Patrick escaped and returned home he never forgot about his time in **slavery**. He began training very hard to become a **priest** and he went to study in St. Martin's Monastery in **France**. Later, Patrick became a **Bishop** and returned to England. Pope **Celestine** encouraged him to return to Ireland to teach the people about Christianity and to **baptise** them.

When Patrick arrived in Ireland it was **Easter** time and one of the first places he decided to camp at was Slane in County **Meath**. He lit a fire and broke the local **law**. Laoghaire was furious with him and sent his men to **arrest** Patrick and the **priests**.

When the men brought Patrick to see Laoghaire he was stubborn and at first he didn't want to listen to Patrick's explanations. Eventually he listened to him because Patrick could speak **Gaelic** very well. Patrick picked up a **shamrock** and used it to show Laoghaire what Jesus was like. He explained about the Blessed Trinity – God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy **Spirit** and how each leaf on the shamrock can remind us of this. In the end, Laoghaire was convinced by Patrick and his teachings and was **baptised**. Other **Pagans** followed.

Over the next number of years Patrick travelled across the country, spreading the message of Jesus. He went to the four **provinces**. People believe he spent sixty years doing this work and he consecrated about three hundred and fifty bishops who would continue his work. He died in County **Down** on the 17th of March in AD 493 and people believe he is buried at Downpatrick. To this day people travel to Croagh Patrick in County **Mayo** on pilgrimage. Meanwhile, the 17th of March is now known as Saint Patrick's Day around the world.