

# St. Patrick

Read the story and fill in the gaps.

Long ago, there lived a young boy in Wales. He was a \_\_\_\_\_ and his name was Patrick. One day he was out playing on the seashore with his friends when \_\_\_\_\_ came from Ireland and \_\_\_\_\_ him. They kidnapped him and kept him as a slave. They sold him to a farmer called \_\_\_\_\_, who had sheep on Sliabh Mis in County \_\_\_\_\_. He made Patrick watch his sheep on the mountain each day and night. Patrick was very hungry, cold and lonely there. Often he had to eat the animal's food as he was so famished. Despite this \_\_\_\_\_ he continued to pray to God for help. One dark night a voice spoke to him and told him to escape to the harbour nearby under the cover of \_\_\_\_\_. Patrick had great faith and did so. When he arrived at the harbour he saw a boat that was destined for \_\_\_\_\_. He boarded it and returned home. Patrick was a very religious young man and eventually became a \_\_\_\_\_. Following this he went to \_\_\_\_\_ and after some time he was ordained a bishop. Patrick was very content as a bishop but he always remembered his time in \_\_\_\_\_. He knew that the Irish were still \_\_\_\_\_ and did not know about \_\_\_\_\_. He decided to return to Ireland once again to spread the word of Jesus and to \_\_\_\_\_ the people. He had to convince the King of Ireland, who lived at \_\_\_\_\_, to become a Christian first. He lit a fire on the Hill of Tara at \_\_\_\_\_ time but he didn't realise that this was also a special time for the Pagans. The King was \_\_\_\_\_ when he heard about the fire and summoned Patrick to come to him. When Patrick met with him he began to explain to him about Jesus and the Holy \_\_\_\_\_. He used the \_\_\_\_\_, which the King was very familiar with, to explain this to him.

The King was very \_\_\_\_\_ with Patrick and decided to follow him and be baptised. Patrick continued to travel around Ireland teaching people about Jesus and the stories from the \_\_\_\_\_. He died in AD 493 on the \_\_\_\_\_ of March. When he died he was named \_\_\_\_\_ Saint of Ireland and his feast day was set for this date each year. Nowadays, Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated by Irish people around the world to remember him.

Patron  
furious  
priest  
shamrock  
Bible

17th  
Wales  
captured  
impressed  
Tara

Antrim  
Christian  
Ireland  
hardship  
pirates

Trinity  
Jesus  
France  
Milchu  
darkness

Easter  
Pagans  
baptise



## Answer Sheet

Long ago, there lived a young boy in Wales. He was a **Christian** and his name was Patrick. One day he was out playing on the seashore with his friends when **pirates** came from Ireland and **captured** him. They kidnapped him and kept him as a slave. They sold him to a farmer called **Milchu**, who had sheep on Sliabh Mis in County **Antrim**. He made Patrick watch his sheep on the mountain each day and night. Patrick was very hungry, cold and lonely there. Often he had to eat the animal's food as he was so famished. Despite this **hardship** he continued to pray to God for help. One dark night a voice spoke to him and told him to escape to the harbour nearby under the cover of **darkness**. Patrick had great faith and did so. When he arrived at the harbour he saw a boat that was destined for **Wales**. He boarded it and returned home. Patrick was a very religious young man and eventually became a **priest**. Following this he went to **France** and after some time he was ordained a bishop. Patrick was very content as a bishop but he always remembered his time in **Ireland**. He knew that the Irish were still **Pagans** and did not know about **Jesus**. He decided to return to Ireland once again to spread the word of Jesus and to **baptise** the people. He had to convince the King of Ireland who lived at **Tara** to become a Christian first. He lit a fire on the Hill of Tara at **Easter** time but he didn't realise that this was also a special time for the Pagans. The King was **furious** when he heard about the fire and summoned Patrick to come to him. When Patrick met with him he began to explain to him about Jesus and the Holy **Trinity**. He used the **shamrock**, which the King was very familiar with, to explain this to him. The King was very **impressed** with Patrick and decided to follow him and be baptised. Patrick continued to travel around Ireland teaching people about Jesus and the stories from the **Bible**. He died in AD 493 on the **17th** of March. When he died he was named **Patron** Saint of Ireland and his feast day was set for this date each year. Nowadays, Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated by Irish people around the world to remember him.