

St. Patrick

Read the story and answer the questions.

Long ago, there lived a young boy in Wales. His name was Patrick. One day he was out playing on the beach with his friends when pirates came from Ireland and kidnapped him. They took him across the Irish Sea away from his family and friends. They sold him as a slave to a farmer. Poor Patrick had to mind the farmer's sheep on the mountain each day and night. He was very hungry, cold and lonely there. He prayed to God for help. One dark night he heard a voice. It told him to go to the harbour and he did. When he got to the harbour there was a boat. He got onto it and went back to his home in Wales. Patrick prayed a lot and some years later he decided to become a priest. He went to France and after some time he became a bishop. Patrick was happy but soon he wanted to come back to Ireland to tell the people about Jesus. When he arrived the people didn't know about Jesus but he taught them stories from the Bible. He baptised them. Patrick died in Ireland and was buried in Downpatrick. The people of Ireland loved him very much and he became their most important saint. Each year, Irish people celebrate Saint Patrick's Day on the 17th of March. They wear the green badges and shamrocks to remind them of him. There are parades in most towns and cities and people get a day off from school and work. It is a special time of year.



Questions

Read and answer the questions. Remember to write in full sentences.

1. Where was Saint Patrick born?

2. Why did Saint Patrick come to Ireland for the first time?

3. What job did Saint Patrick have when he came to Ireland?

4. Did he enjoy being in Ireland? Why/why not?

5. How did Saint Patrick escape back to Wales?

6. Why did he return to Ireland when he became a bishop?

7. Who did Saint Patrick teach the Irish people about?

8. How do people in Ireland celebrate Saint Patrick?

9. When does Saint Patrick's Day happen each year?

10. Do you like Saint Patrick's Day? Why/why not?

