

The Story of Saint Patrick (teacher's notes)

1. Warm-up (Activity 1) 5 mins

Aims: to break the ice and foster a safe environment for learning.

Procedure: Introduce the topic. Ask students discuss what they know about Saint Patrick and do the quiz in pairs.

Answers:

1. a
2. c
3. a

2. The Story of Saint Patrick (Activity 2) 10 mins

Aim: to provide students with listening for detail.

Procedure: Ask students to look through the answers and guess the answers. Students watch the video. Then they discuss the questions in pairs and write down the answers.

Play the video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Mq000808Gmk>

Answers:

1. Where was Saint Patrick born?

He was born in Wales which is just across the sea from Ireland.

2. Why did Patrick go to Ireland?

When Patrick was 16 years old, he was walking along the beach when some pirates seized him. They took him to Ireland and sold him as a slave

3. What did Patrick do in Ireland?

He worked in the fields.

4. How did Patrick escape from Ireland?

One day, he heard God telling him to escape, and he ran down to the sea where he found a ship waiting to take him home.

5. Why did Patrick go back to Ireland?

When he was grown up, he heard a voice calling on him to return to Ireland and to tell the people there about Christianity.

6. Why were the Druids angry with Saint Patrick?

the Druid priests were angry with him for telling their followers to change their religion.

7. What did St Patrick do with shamrock?

St. Patrick used to pick up the shamrock and explain that the three leaves were the three aspects of God. The Father, The Son, and the Holy Spirit.

8. What is St Patrick also famous for?

St. Patrick is also famous for driving all the snakes into the sea so that to this day there are no snakes lurking in the beautiful green grass of Ireland.

3. Saint Patrick and the Lamb (Activity 3) 5 mins

Aims: to provide students with reading practice.

Procedure: Students put the parts of the story in the correct order.

Answers:

1. E
2. D
3. C
4. A
5. B
6. F

4. Storyboard (Activity 4) 15 mins

Aim: to provide students with writing practice.

Procedure: Students tell the story of Saint Patrick by drawing pictures and writing captions. They can do this individually, in pairs or in small groups. Then they each present their storyboard to the class. The teacher should provide A2/A3 paper for this activity as well as drawing materials. As an alternative, ask students to draw storyboards, exchange them and then write the writing captions to the partners' storyboard.

5. Saint Patrick's Day song (Activity 5) 10 mins

Aim: to provide students with grammar and vocabulary practice.

Procedure: students fill in the gaps in the song. They must change the verbs into Past Simple. Then the teacher plays the [song](#) and the students sing it!

Answers:

The story of St Patrick's Day
Began so long ago
The lyrics in this song
Will tell you all you need to know

The seventeenth of March
Is when this **joyous** holiday
Is celebrated happily
With colorful **parades**

Patrick was only sixteen when
The pirates **captured** him
They **sold** him to slavery
And **took** him to Ireland

He kept the faith
And **made** his escape
When he was twenty-two
And **made** it back to Britain
'Twas the only home he **knew**

Saint Patrick's Day Song

Patrick **had** a vision
To return to Ireland
And vowed to teach **Christianity**
Until the bitter end

Legend says that Patrick **used**
The **shamrock** to explain
That the Father, Son and Holy Ghost
Are all and one the same

On this day the Irish dress
In many shades of **green**
And some are feeling lucky
With the leprechauns they've seen

It's music and **fun** for everyone
We'll party and we'll play
Come one, come all
Come join along
On this St. Paddy's Day!

6. Sum up 3-5 mins

Summarise the lesson and tell students what results they have achieved (Now you can ... After our reading and speaking lesson you will be able to....). Ask them if they have any questions. Conduct delayed error correction if needed.