



Saint Patrick's Story

Colouring Book

This book has been designed for children to read all about Saint Patrick's amazing story and colour it in along the way! All of these pictures come from the large stained glass window in Saint Patrick's Cathedral.

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Patrick was a normal 16 year old boy, before his world turned upside down. He was captured by pirates and taken from his home in Britain across the sea to Ireland. Patrick must have been so scared! He didn't know if he would ever see his family again.



Poor Patrick was forced to be a shepherd looking after sheep, pigs and goats. He worked alone on the mountain side, it was a cold and wet job. Patrick found comfort by praying to God, sometimes he prayed up to 100 times a day.



One night God spoke to Patrick in a dream. God told him there was a boat waiting for him which would take him home. When he got to the ship the men refused to let him on. Patrick turned to pray to God to ask for help. Before he was even finished his prayer another man on board shouted to Patrick “get on!”



When Patrick got home his mom and dad were so happy to see him! He had been gone for 6 years and they thought they would never see him again. The whole family got together and had a huge party to welcome Patrick home.



Patrick did not stay home for very long. He had another dream telling him to return to Ireland to teach them about God. Patrick decided he would need to first travel to France to learn how to be a priest. His Mom and Dad were not happy to see him go.



Patrick studied very hard in France and was made into a Bishop. He was now ready to go back to Ireland and teach the people about God.



When Patrick came back to Ireland not everyone wanted to hear what he had to say. Most people were pagans and believed in their own gods. But Patrick was brave and kept going, as he wanted to teach as many people as he could.



Patrick used the shamrock to explain the holy trinity to the Irish. The shamrock is made of three leaves, just like how God is made up of the “Father, Son and the Holy Spirit”.



Patrick used water from holy wells to baptise Irish people into the Christian faith. People would gather around Patrick waiting for their turn even though the water was cold!



As more Irish began to believe in God, Patrick's built his first church in Saul County Down. Patrick supervised the plans but also helped with the building. After working as a slave he wasn't afraid to get his hands dirty.



Patrick then went to visit the High King of Ireland at the Hill of Tara to teach him about God. The King and his men listened to Patrick and decided to become a Christian. The King also promised to help Patrick teach the Irish this new faith.



After a long life spent traveling across Ireland teaching people about God, St Patrick died and was buried in Downpatrick, County Down.