



The background features a dark green field with scattered, stylized four-leaf clovers in various shades of green and teal. The clovers are of different sizes and orientations, creating a festive, thematic pattern.

Saint Patrick:

From Slave to Saint

W.A.L.T: put the major events of St Patricks life in order on a timeline

What do you already
know about Saint
Patrick?
Think, Pair, Share.



Saint Patrick is one of Ireland's patron saints. This means he is one of the main Saint for Ireland. However, he is not actually even from Ireland!

This story involves a Roman family, pirate slaves, a trip to France and a battle with snakes.



Maewyn Succat was born in Wales in the year 385 AD. He was born into an important Roman family. His father was a wealthy politician and Roman priest. He lived a very comfortable life until one day...



One day, a 16 year old Maewyn was walking along a beach in Wales. He noticed a small group of men walking towards him. Little did he know that these men were pirate raiders. These raiders were here for one thing only. To gather slaves...



Maewyn was captured and brought to the slave markets in Ireland. There, he was sold to a farmer from County Antrim who needed help with his sheep and cattle. The farmer's name was Milchu and he was not a very kind person.



Drama Activity: Hot-Seating

The police have arrested the pirate raiders who took Maewyn. Create a short hot-seating scene where the police are questioning the raiders. They should ask why they did what they did and where Maewyn is now.



Milchu did not treat Maewyn very well. He did not give him a place to sleep or eat. Instead, he made Maewyn sleep with the sheep out in the field on Sliabh Mis. Often, Maewyn had to eat some of the animals food to keep his energy up.



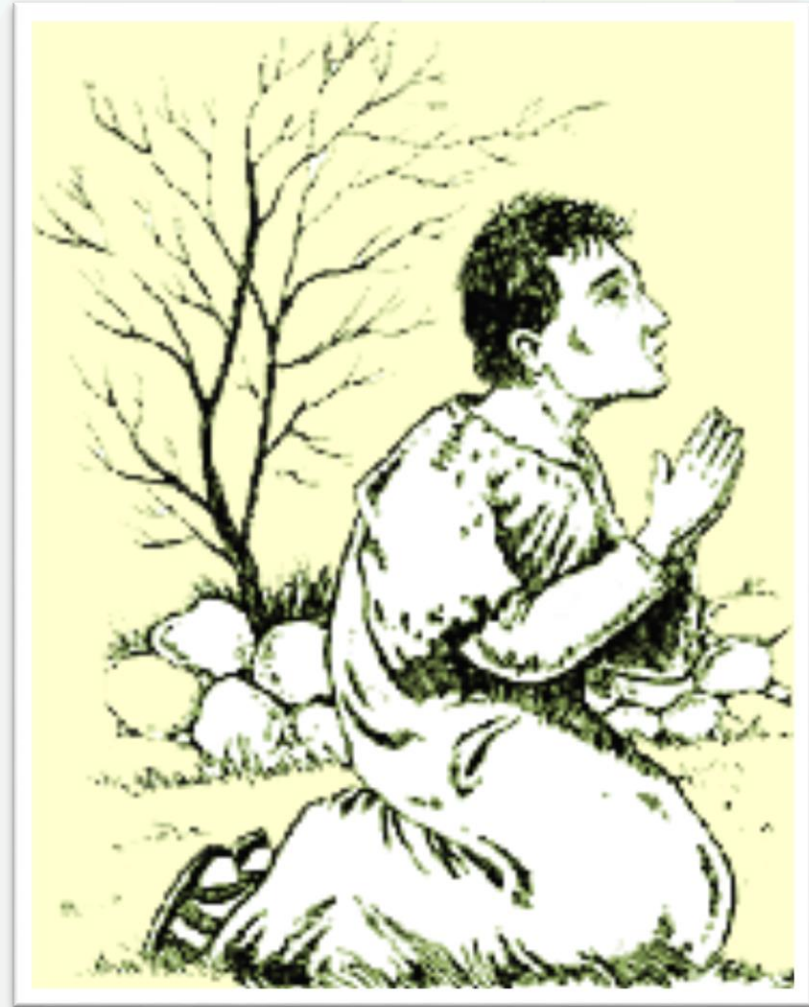
Drama Activity: Before and After

Maewyn's life changed a lot after his kidnap. In your groups, create mirror image scenes of what life was like for him in Wales and what life is like for him now. You might want to pick some daily activities to show us.



Maewyn was very lonely.
He spent a lot of his time
praying and asking for a
way out of this horrible
life he was living.

Then one day, as he slept
with the animals on the
hill, Maewyn heard a
voice...



Drama Activity: Voices in the Wind

What do you think the voice told Maewyn to do? One person in your group should play the role of Maewyn. The others should whisper some advice to Maewyn. Each whisper should give him a different idea.



The voice told Maewyn to make his way to Co. Waterford. He trusted the voice so he snuck away and made it to Waterford. When he got there, he found a boat waiting to take him back to Wales.



Maewyn believe that it was God who helped him escape so he thought of a way to repay God.

We was going to travel to France to train as a priest. That way he could spend the rest of his life working for God.



When Maewyn returned from France two things were very different. Firstly, he changed his name to Patrick. Secondly, he returned as a bishop instead of just as a priest. Patrick was ready to return to Ireland.



Patrick returned to Ireland to teach the people about the God he believed in. He was very good at his job because he could speak the language of the local people. He used the shamrock to explain the Holy Trinity.



Patrick spent the rest of his life travelling around Ireland, teaching people about Jesus. He had a big part to play in bringing the Catholic religion to Ireland.

He died on the 17th of March, 461. On that day, people all around the year celebrate St. Patrick's day.



Drama Activity: Role on the Wall

Each group has been given an outline of Maewyn. Outside the outline, I want your group to write facts about Maewyn's life. Inside the person, I want you to write things that Maewyn might have thought during his life.



One unusual claim to fame that St. Patrick has is the claim he chased the snakes from Ireland. The story goes that St. Patrick was attacked by snakes while fasting for 40 days. He picked up his stick and chased them out to sea. However...



Scientists are very confident that there have never ever been snakes on the island of Ireland. So it is very unlikely that St. Patrick managed to chase the snakes into the sea.

What do you think?



Activity: Snake Inventions

You've been hired by St. Patrick to help him rid Ireland of the snakes. You must design an invention that will help get rid of the snakes!

The Story of St. Patrick - Snake Inventions

St. Patrick has hired you and your team of 'snake busters' to help him get rid of the snakes in Ireland.
Down below, draw a picture of an invention that will help you get rid of the snakes in a safe way.

What is your invention called?

How do you use it?

What is the name of your company?

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