

The Story of Saint Patrick



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Early Life

Saint Patrick was born in Wales, in the late 4th century.

His real name was Maewyn Succat.

His parents belonged to a high ranking Roman family.

His father was called Calpornius and his mother was called Conchessa.



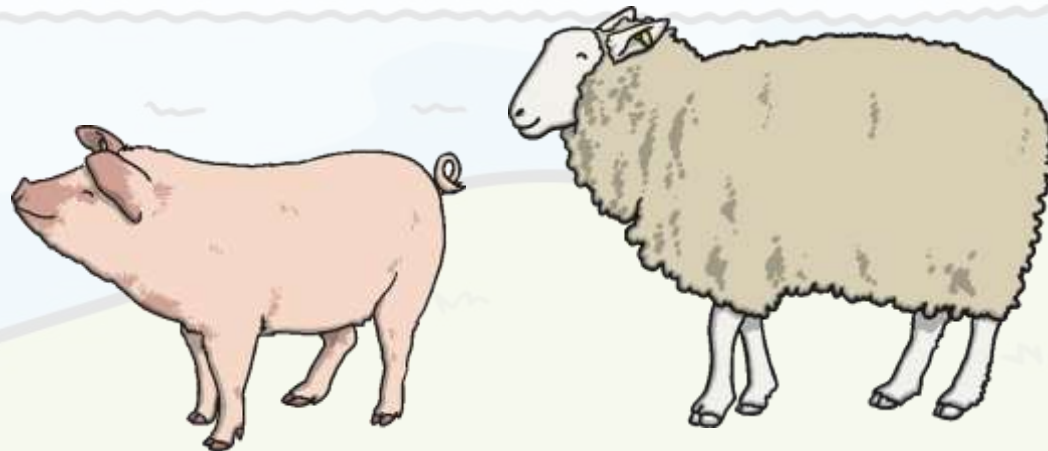
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When he was 16, he was captured from a beach by raiders and sold as a slave to an Irish farmer in County Antrim.

The farmer's name was Milchu.

Patrick had to mind sheep and pigs, on a hill called Sliabh Mis and he wasn't treated very well.



Life as a Slave

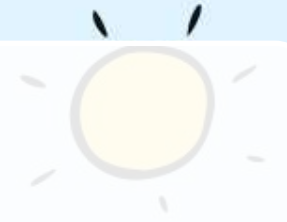


Patrick was often so hungry that he had to eat the animals' food.

Patrick had a very lonely life and spent most of his time praying.



Patrick Hears a Voice



One night, Patrick heard a voice in a dream. It was God.

He told Patrick to leave the mountain and to go to the harbour in County Waterford, where there would be a boat waiting for him to bring him home.

Patrick trusted the voice so he set off on his journey.



Back in Wales



Patrick escaped from Ireland and got back to Wales.

Patrick always thought about his life as a slave in Ireland and he continued to pray to God.

Patrick knew what he wanted to do with his life. He wanted to become a priest.



Religious Studies

Patrick went to study to become a priest in St. Martin's Monastery, in Tours, France.

Patrick became a bishop and returned to Great Britain.

Patrick knew that the people of Ireland did not know about God (they were pagans) and he wanted to return to Ireland to teach them.



Patrick Returns to Ireland



Patrick went back to Ireland and the people were amazed that he could speak their language.

Patrick used the shamrock to explain about the Blessed Trinity-God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Each of the three leaves on the shamrock represented each one.



Saint Patrick in Ireland



For 60 years, Patrick travelled all around Ireland, telling people about Jesus.

During this time, he consecrated 350 bishops who helped him do his work.

He died in County Down on 17th of March, 461. This is the date which is now celebrated as St. Patrick's Day.



