



St Patrick's Day

Activity Unit 1



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ABOUT ST PATRICK

St Patrick's Day is celebrated on 17 March. It is to honour and celebrate St Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. St Patrick was said to be born in Britain, and lived a very normal life. His parents were Christians and considered to be prosperous. At age 16 he was captured by Irish raiders and was taken to Ireland where he was kept as a slave. He was a sheep herder for his master.

Six years after being kidnapped Patrick eventually found his way back to his homeland, where he studied and joined the priesthood. He later became a missionary but longed to return to Ireland to convert the people.

St Patrick returned to Ireland after Pope Celestine asked Patrick to return to Ireland and bring Christianity to the people. He dedicated the rest of his life to converting people to Christianity, building churches and schools and helping others.



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He used the symbol of the SHAMROCK to explain the meaning of the HOLY TRINITY.



He taught that the shamrock had only one stem but three separate parts. There is a fable told that St Patrick was responsible for getting rid of all the snakes out of Ireland.

It is believed that he died on 17 March 493 at Saul, Downpatrick, Ireland. St Patrick is believed to be one of the great heroes and as Irish people emigrated to other parts of the world they told the story of St Patrick. People all over the world started celebrating St Patrick's Day on 17 March.



Pot o' Gold - Let's find the rainbow!

There are many myths and legends associated with St Patrick & Ireland. Fairies, leprechauns, the pot o'gold at the end of the rainbow. These symbols are used when celebrating St Patrick's Day and are often used as general symbols of Ireland. Of course the colour **GREEN** is also associated with Ireland and St Patrick's Day. Good Luck is also often associated with the Irish....





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Leprechauns & fairies



The pot o' gold at the end of the rainbow



The colour Green
The Irish Flag



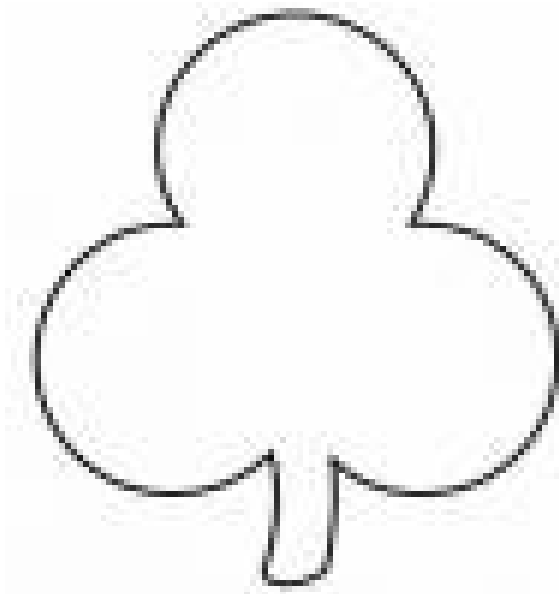
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Here are some pictures for you to enjoy



derby hat



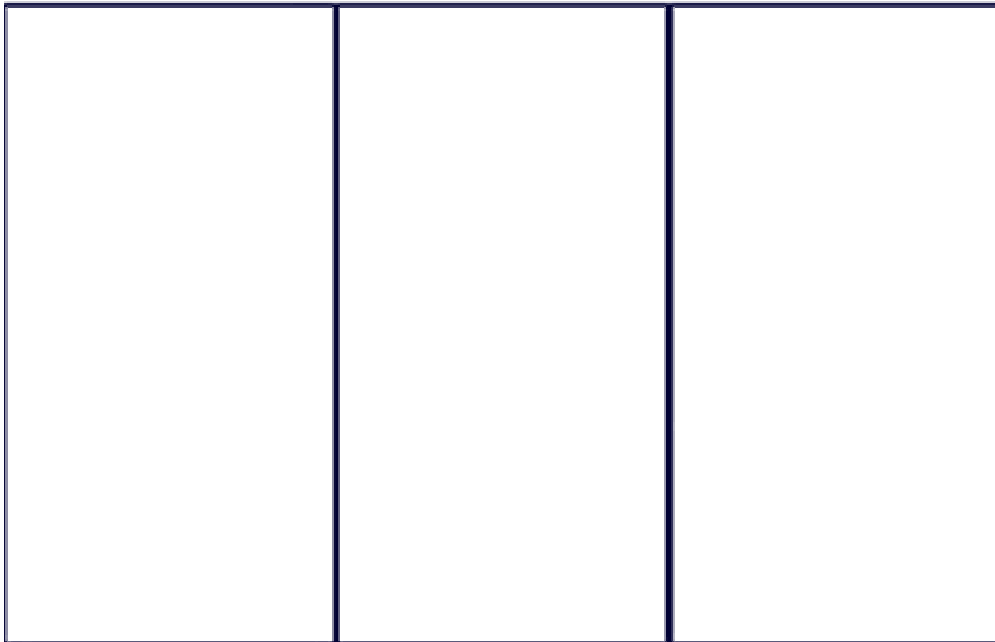
Shamrock



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Flag of Ireland



GREEN

WHITE

ORANGE

The Luck Of The Irish

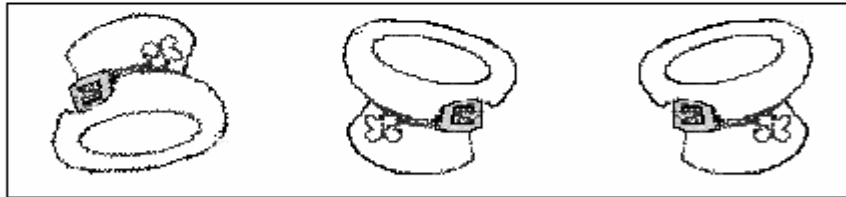
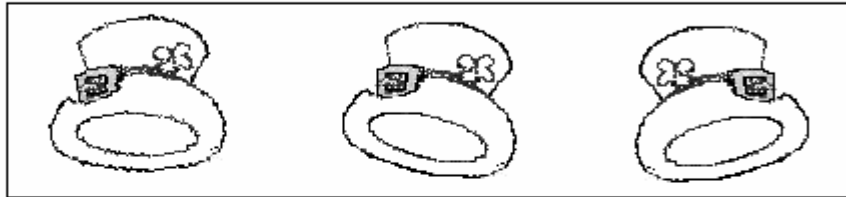
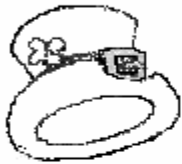
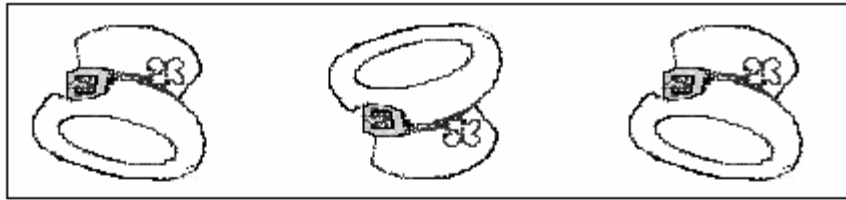




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Look at the hat in each row. Colour the hat that is the same in the box.





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May the luck of the Irish
 be with you today.

Thoughts, greetings, blessings and poems for St. Patrick's Day



A Blessing from Saint Patrick

May the road rise up to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rains fall soft upon your fields and,
Until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His Hand.



"Top of the mornin', to ya."





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Poems and Blessings for St. Patrick's Day

May the Irish hills caress
you.

May her lakes and rivers
bless you.

May the luck of the Irish
enfold you.

May the blessings of Saint
Patrick behold you.

There are only two kinds
of people in the world, The
Irish
And those who wish they
were.

"Happy St. Patrick's Day!!!"
"Beannacht tam na Femle Padraig!!!"





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Answer these easy questions. You will find the answers in the beginning of this book.

1. On what day is St Patrick's Day Celebrated?

2. Where was St Patrick born?

3. What are some of the symbols of Ireland and St Patrick's Day? Can you name three?

4. What is it said that St Patrick drove out of Ireland?

5. What lies at the end of the rainbow?

6. St Patrick is the Patron Saint of _____



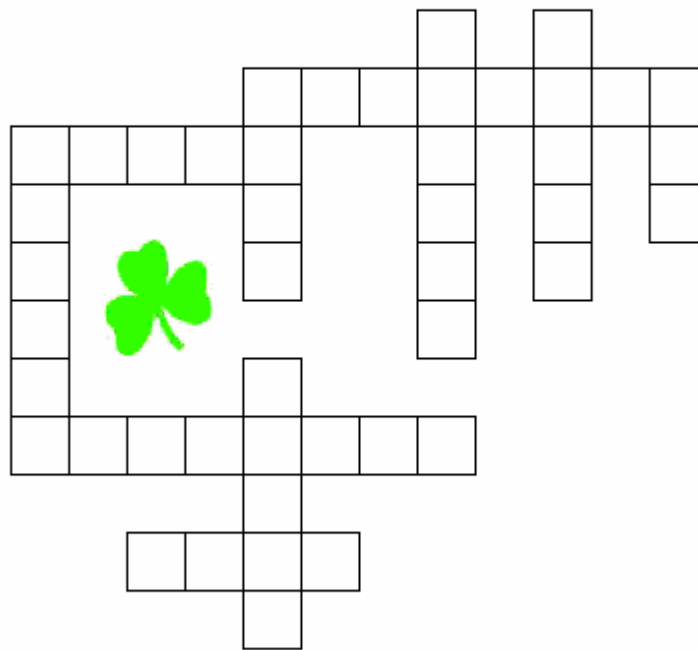
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St Patrick's Day Crossword Puzzle - Answers

at end of Workbook

green homeland day snakes slave
herded saint shamrock hero stem





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St Patrick's Day Wordsearch, Find the words - vertical, horizontal and diagonal



saint
hero
kind

green
three
homeland

shamrock
snakes
slave

ship
good
holy

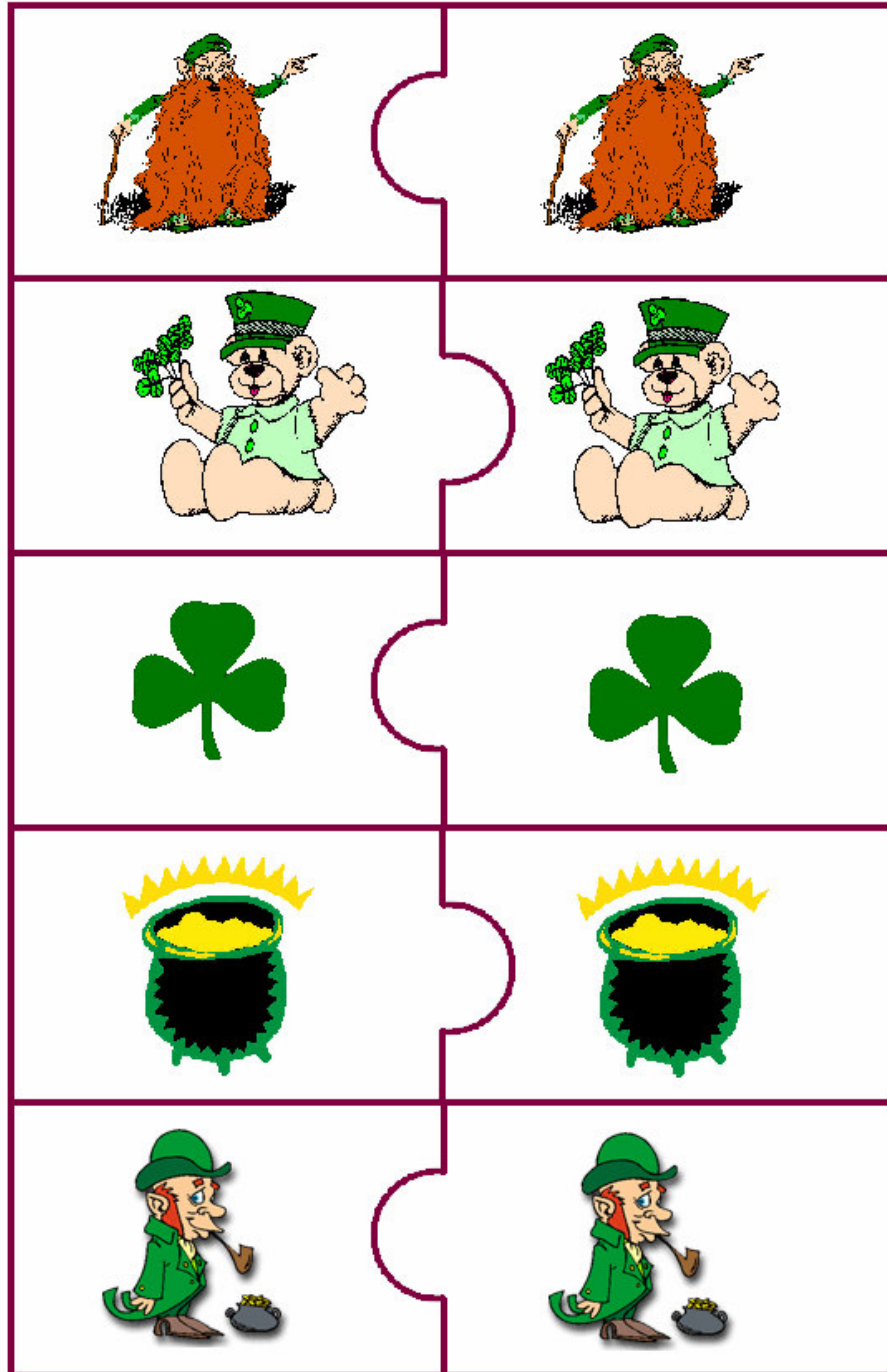
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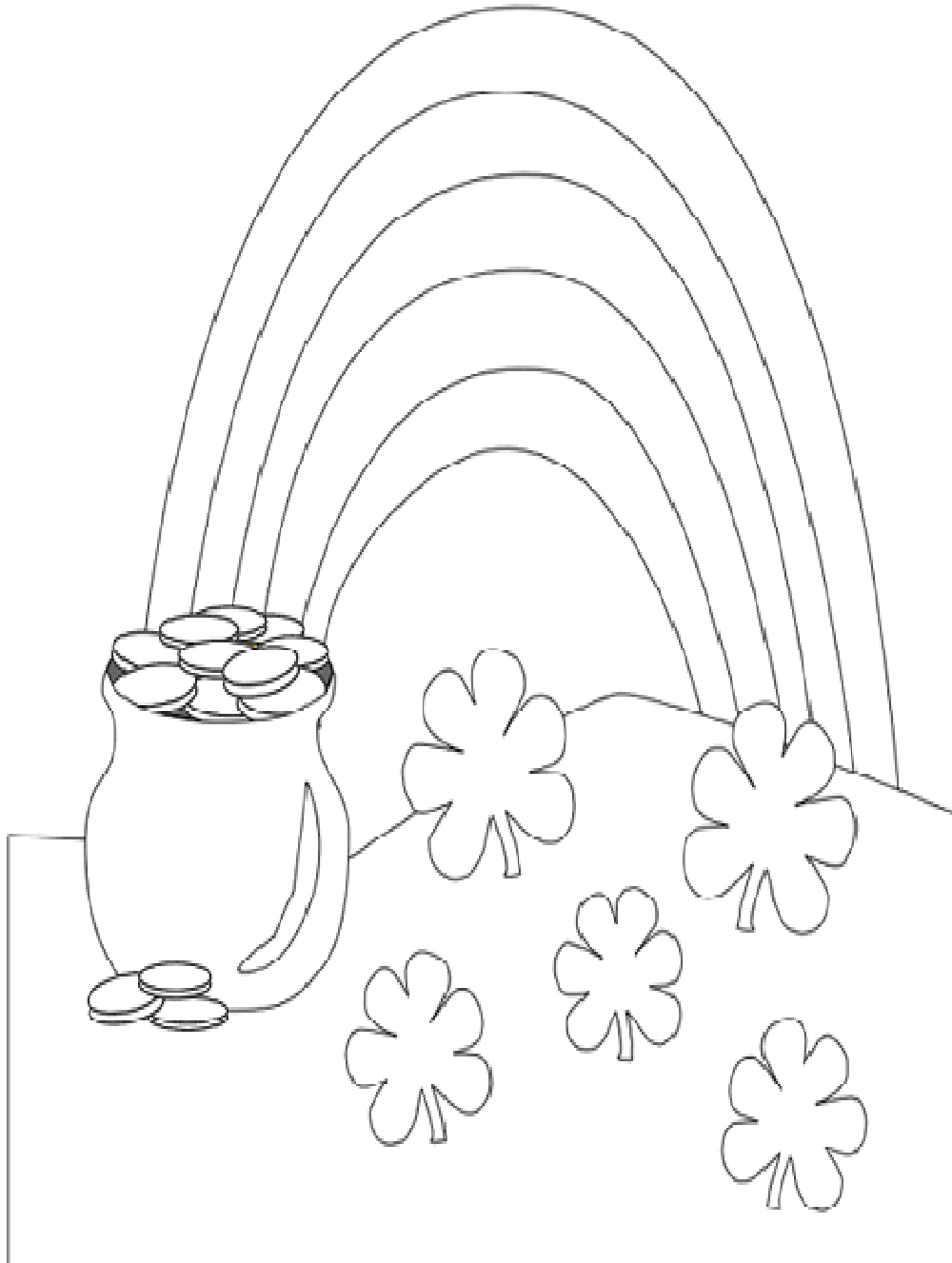
Paste onto cardstock, cut out the pieces to make a puzzle





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Colour the picture



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Answers to St Patrick's Crossword Puzzle

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