

# The Story of Saint Patrick



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Long ago, there was a boy named Patrick who was born in England. When he was sixteen, he was kidnapped by some Irish pirates and sold off as a slave.

When he arrived in Ireland, he discovered that not only was their language different from his, but also their houses and their way of life. It was really hard being a slave, he often felt alone and struggled in his new environment.

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During that time, Patrick started to get to know the God of his childhood. During his six years in Ireland, when he was shepherding his master, a chief of Ireland's sheep, he would take those times to pray. He would share his difficulties with Jesus who slowly became his closest friend.

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One night, God spoke to Patrick through a dream, “it’s time for you to leave your life as a slave. There is a ship that’s ready to take you home!” God led Patrick safely home, back to England where he was finally able to see his family he’s been missing for the last six years.

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Once he returned to England, Patrick began to learn more about the Bible. He wanted to get to know the Words of Jesus, the God that helped him through those six long years in Ireland. He found a teacher to teach him.

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About twenty years later, God gave Patrick another dream. This time, God tells Patrick to return to Ireland, to share the good news of Jesus Christ's never ending love. This time, Patrick was not going as a slave, but as a child of God, bringing the power of The Gospel that can set hearts free!

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Under God's leadership, using what he learned through his time there, Patrick slowly helped the people of Ireland encounter Jesus' goodness and His truth. He established many churches there, leading many of God's sons and daughters back into His embrace.

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We have an amazing God! He took the difficulties Patrick experienced during his time in Ireland and turned them into a blessing for the people of Ireland and Patrick's greatest adventure. Our faithful God can also turn our tears into joy.

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### **Prayer of Saint Patrick**

Christ with me Christ before me  
Christ behind me Christ in me  
Christ beneath me Christ above me  
Christ on my right Christ on my left  
Christ when I lie down Christ when I sit down  
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me  
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,  
Christ in the eye that sees me,  
Christ in the ear that hears me.



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