

# ST PATRICK'S DAY



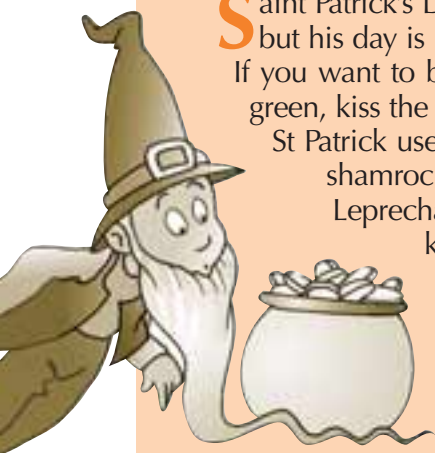
**S**aint Patrick's Day is celebrated every year on March 17th. St Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland, but his day is now celebrated in many other parts of the world, above all in the United States.

If you want to be lucky on St Patrick's Day, you should find a four-leaf clover or shamrock, wear green, kiss the Blarney Stone and try to catch a Leprechaun!

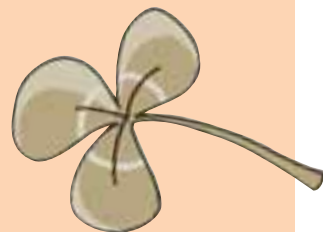
St Patrick used the shamrock leaf to symbolise the Holy Trinity, and today many people wear a shamrock to commemorate St Patrick's Day.

Leprechauns are Irish pixies. They are tiny little old men dressed in green. Some say that they know the way to a hidden pot of gold at the end of the rainbow. They are not very friendly and extremely difficult to catch.

The Blarney Stone can be found in Blarney Castle, County Cork, Ireland. It is said that it has magical properties. There is a legend that an old woman put a spell on it a long time ago. The king of that time was mute and when he kissed the Stone, he was suddenly able to speak both quickly and convincingly!



## ST PATRICK'S DAY WORKSHEET



Find the hidden words about St Patrick's Day and Ireland. You can find them vertically, horizontally or diagonally.

I	D	C	L	O	V	E	R
R	A	I	N	B	O	W	S
I	I	I	S	T	Z	U	E
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I	T	K	A	K	V	C	C
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IRISH



IRELAND

POT



GOLD

RAINBOW

GREEN

CLOVER



LUCK

PATRICK

SHAMROCK

Learn this Rhyme



*I'm a little Leprechaun  
(to the tune of I'm a little teapot)  
I'm a little Leprechaun  
Dressed in green,  
The tiniest man you've ever seen.  
If you ever catch me so it's told,  
I will give you my pot of gold!  
(author unknown)*

