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The Story of St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated every year on March 17.
It honors Saint Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland.

Saint Patrick was not born in Ireland. He was born in Britain a long time ago.
When he was a teenager, he was taken to Ireland and worked as a shepherd.
During this time, he learned to pray and grew strong in his faith.

After several years, Patrick escaped and returned home.
Later, he chose to go back to Ireland as a missionary.
He wanted to teach people about Christianity.

One symbol of St. Patrick's Day is the shamrock.
Patrick used the shamrock, a small green plant with three leaves,
to explain the idea of the Holy Trinity. Today, people celebrate by wearing green,
attending parades, and enjoying Irish music and food.

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated in many countries around the world, not just in Ireland.
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1. Who is St. Patrick's Day named after?

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2. Where was Saint Patrick born?

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3. Why did Saint Patrick return to Ireland?

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4. What is a shamrock, and why is it important on St. Patrick's Day?

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5. How do people celebrate St. Patrick's Day today?

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