

# The Story of Saint Patrick



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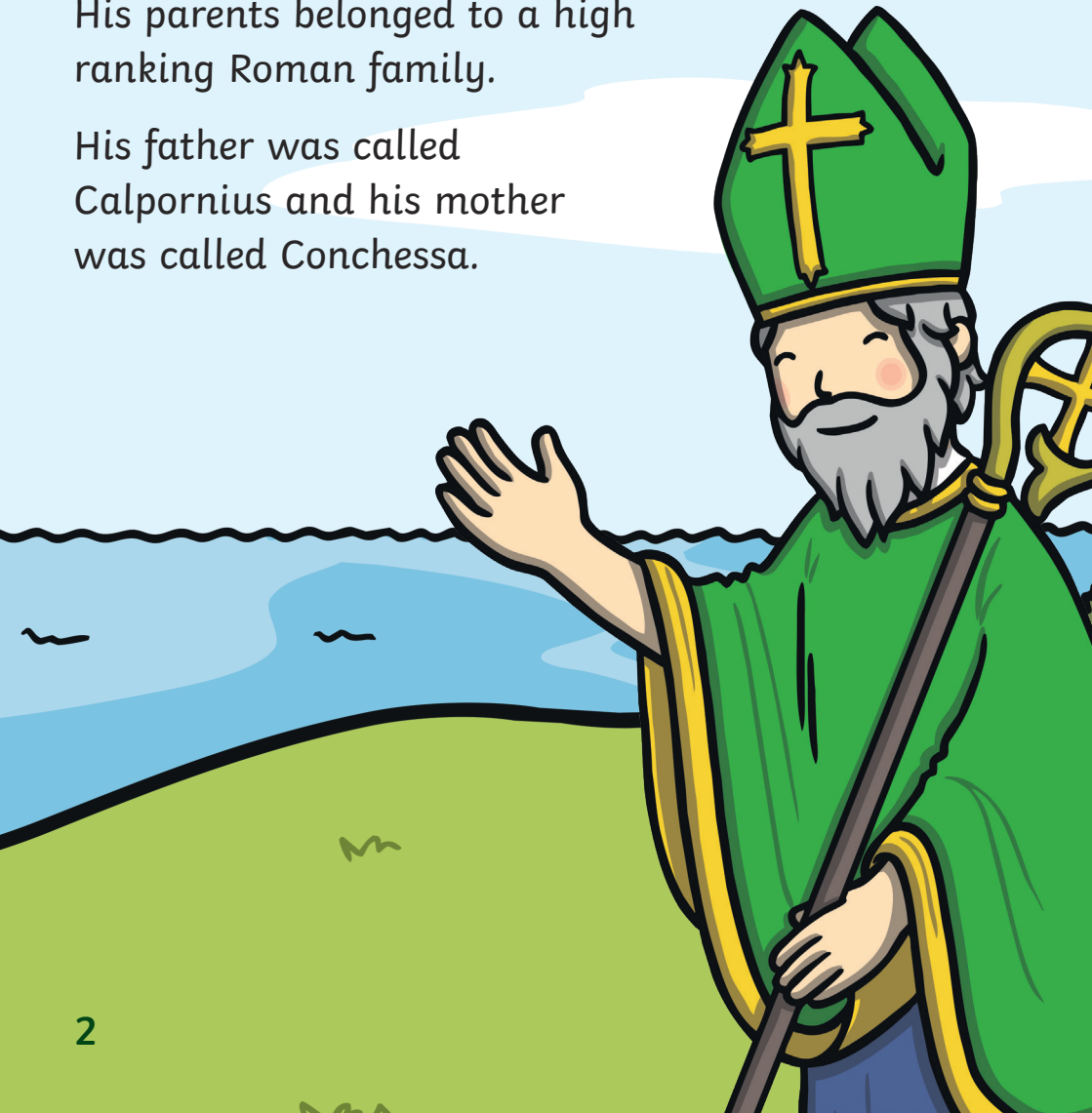
# Early Life

Saint Patrick was born in Wales, in the year 387. ✓

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.

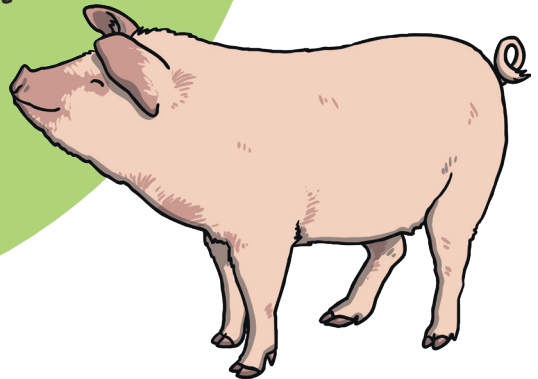
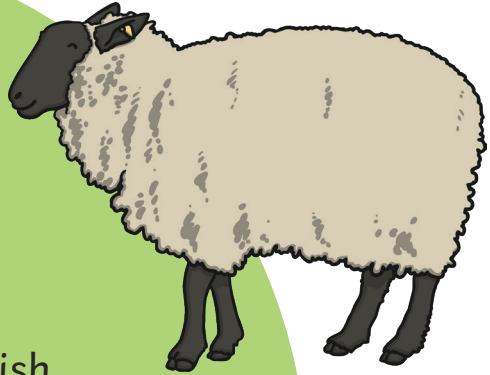


# Captured

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 famer'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 March, 493.

This is the date which is now celebrated as St. Patrick's Day.



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