St Patrick

Patrick was a humble man whose love for and trust in God can be an example to each of us. He feared nothing, not even the dangers in a pagan country, so complete was his trust in God and of the importance of his mission to spread the Gospel in Ireland.

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Table	Activity	Instructions	You will need	Think About
1	Sheep Cupcakes	 Cover cup cakes with icing. Decorate with marshmallow. Put large white marshmallow centre and surround with mini ones Draw face with icing pen on large marshmallow 	 small cupcakes vanilla ready- made icing mini marshmallows large white marshmallows icing pens 	 How even when he was a slave working as a shepherd Patrick prayed to God and placed his life completely in God's hands. How Patrick trusted God for everything. How we too can put our trust in God.
2	Whirly Snake Mobile	 Decorate and colour both sides of the snake. Cut snake out carefully along the outer outline. Continue to cut the snake following the spiral line until the inner tip of the spiral. Attach ribbon either on the head or on the tail to create a springy snake mobile. 	 snake template pencils crayons markers scissors ribbon sellotape 	 How one of the legends associated with Patrick is that he drove the snakes out of Ireland. How the snakes represent the druids and their pagan ways, which were driven out of Ireland when Patrick helped establish Christianity.

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3	STEM challenge St Patrick's boat	 Give each child a square of tin foil. Take as much time as they need to build their boats. Children may test them to make sure they float before adding weight. Start adding peg people to the boat. Encourage children to distribute the weight evenly. How many can it hold 	 tin foil plasticine bendy straws card sellotape basin of water peg people 	 The journeys Patrick made by boat. First as a captive of Irish raiders, then as an escaping slave and finally his voyage back to Ireland to teach the people about God How would Patrick have felt on these different journeys? Who did Patrick trust to keep him safe?
4	Trinity Shamrock	 Dip a thumb into the paint and begin baking thumbprints all along the outside edge of the shamrock shape, overlapping the template just a little bit. Make the thumbprints close together at this stage. Continue making thumbprints all the way to the edge of the paper, as close or as far apart as you'd like. Let the thumbprints dry. 	 shamrock template on white paper green paint paper plate markers 	How legend tells us that Patrick taught the Irish people about the Trinity - the three in one - Father, Son and Holy Spirit using the shamrock to help teach this because a shamrock has three leaves on one stem.