



**It's St. Patrick's Day!
(March 17, 2026)**

TEACHING GUIDE

What? St. Patrick's Day, a holiday that celebrates Irish culture and traditions.

Who? Irish people, and everyone who celebrates Irish culture around the world.

Where? In Ireland and its capital, Dublin, but also in several cities around the world, such as New York, Chicago, and Boston, where there are often large parades.

When? March 17th every year.

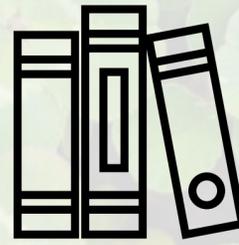
Why is it important? To honor St. Patrick, a 5th-century missionary considered the patron saint of Ireland, and to celebrate Irish culture (music, dance, green symbols, shamrocks).

For this activity, your goal will be to learn more about St. Patrick's Day and Ireland!



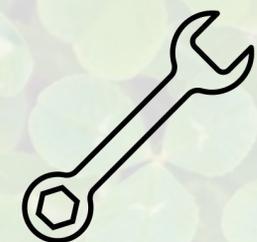
OBJECTIVES

- Discover the origin and symbols of St. Patrick's Day
- Understand elements of Irish culture
- Solve simple math problems
- Use clues to solve a puzzle
- Make connections between culture, symbols, and language



SUBJECTS

- **Social Studies / Culture**
 - Ireland and its traditions
 - Cultural symbols (shamrock, harp, tongue, etc.)
 - Festivals and celebrations around the world
- **Mathematics**
 - Operations (multiplication, division)
 - Problem-solving
 - Interpreting simple data
- **English**
 - Understanding instructions
 - Reading information
 - Writing
 - Vocabulary



COMPETENCIES

- Research and interpret information
- Read and analyze diverse content
- Apply problem-solving strategies
- Organize information
- Produce a structured response



DURATION

- Approximately 60 minutes



GETTING STARTED

- Ask the students if they are familiar with St. Patrick's Day.
- Ask them what symbols they associate with Ireland.
- Discuss the color green and its meaning.
- Show an image or object related to the holiday (shamrock, parade, etc.).
- Gather their hypotheses about leprechauns.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

STEP 1 — Saint Patrick's Day. Discovery of the origin of the holiday and its symbols (shamrock, green color, leprechaun) using a video. Answer comprehension questions about the character of Saint Patrick, the legends, and the traditions associated with this holiday.

Q1 — Saint Patrick is the patron saint of Ireland.

Q2 — In 1903.

Q3 — To avoid getting caught by a leprechaun.

Q4 — United States and Canada

STEP 2 — The Leprechaun Challenges. Solving math problems related to the leprechaun's world (sharing gold coins, calculating the number of four-leaf clovers, the distance between Dublin and Cork). Using basic arithmetic operations to solve real-life problems.

Q5 — 8 gold coins, and 4 coins left over.

Q6 — Approximately 200 four-leaf clovers.

Q7 — A little over 17 days.

STEP 3 — The Irish Mystery Word. Observation of Irish cultural symbols and extraction of letters according to specific instructions to form a mystery word related to Ireland.

Q8 — oranGe

Q9 — haRp

Q10 — emErald

Q11 — GaElic

Q12 — GuINness

The mystery word is GREEN



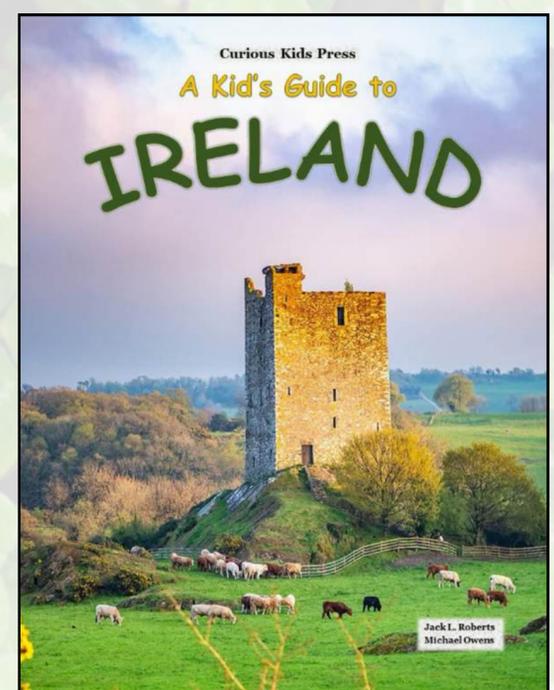
WRAPPING UP

- Conduct a group discussion on the answers
- Ask the students which symbol they preferred
- Discuss what they learned about Ireland
- Connect the math concepts to solving puzzles
- Confirm the mystery word as a group



FURTHER EXPLORATION

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Three Sites To See in Ireland

The Giant's Causeway is a spectacular natural site located in Northern Ireland. It consists of thousands of hexagonal stone columns, formed millions of years ago by ancient volcanic activity. According to legend, these rocks were built by a giant named Finn McCool to cross the sea! Today, this impressive site attracts visitors from all over the world and is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.



The Cliffs of Moher are towering cliffs located on the west coast of Ireland. They rise over 200 meters above the Atlantic Ocean. This impressive landscape attracts many visitors. Seabirds can be observed there, and spectacular views of the sea can be enjoyed.



The Skelligs are two spectacular rocky islands located off the west coast of Ireland. Skellig Michael, the more famous of the two, is home to an ancient monastery built over 1,000 years ago. This impressive site also served as a backdrop in the Star Wars films, where it represents Luke Skywalker's island. With its dramatic cliffs and unique atmosphere, it is a place that is both mysterious and captivating.

