

# ST. PATRICK'S DAY ACTIVITY

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## Happy St. Patty's Day! FUN FACTS!

- 1. SAINT PATRICK'S DAY HAPPENS EVERY YEAR ON MARCH 17 TO MARK THE DEATH DATE OF THE MOST RECOGNIZED PATRON SAINT OF IRELAND, ST. PATRICK.
- 2. ACCORDING TO IRISH LEGEND, SAINT PATRICK WASN'T ORIGINALLY CALLED PATRICK. HIS BIRTH NAME WAS MAEWYN SUCCAT, BUT HE CHANGED HIS NAME TO PATRICIUS AFTER BECOMING A PRIEST.
- 3. THE COLOR OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY WAS ORIGINALLY BLUE! WHAT?! TODAY, WEARING GREEN IS A STAPLE OF ST. PATRICK'S DAY, BUT THE HOLIDAY WAS INITIALLY ASSOCIATED WITH THE COLOR "SAINT PATRICK'S BLUE," A LIGHT SHADE. IT'S THOUGHT THE COLOR CHANGED AFTER THE IRISH INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT IN THE LATE 18TH CENTURY. SAINT PATRICK WOULD HAVE GOTTEN PINCHED ON HIS OWN FEAST DAY.
- 4. THE FIRST ST. PATRICK'S DAY CELEBRATION IN THE UNITED STATES WAS HELD IN BOSTON IN 1737 BY IRISH IMMIGRANTS.
- 5. THERE ARE CURRENTLY ABOUT 34.7 MILLION U.S. RESIDENTS WITH IRISH ANCESTRY. THIS NUMBER IS MORE THAN SEVEN TIMES THE POPULATION OF IRELAND ITSELF!
- 6. YOUR ODDS OF FINDING A FOUR-LEAF CLOVER ARE ABOUT 1 IN 10,000.
- 7. SAINT PATRICK WAS ACTUALLY... BRITISH. HE WAS BORN TO ROMAN PARENTS IN SCOTLAND OR WALES IN THE LATE 4TH CENTURY. HE WAS KIDNAPPED AT THE AGE OF 16 AND TAKEN TO IRELAND AS A SLAVE. HE ESCAPED BUT RETURNED IN ABOUT 432 TO CONVERT THE IRISH TO CHRISTIANITY. BY THE TIME OF HIS DEATH ON MARCH 17, 461, HE HAD BUILT MANY MONASTERIES, CHURCHES, AND SCHOOLS.
- 8. SHAMROCKS ARE THE NATIONAL EMBLEM OF IRELAND, BUT HOW DID THE SHAMROCK BECOME ASSOCIATED WITH SAINT PATRICK? IRISH LEGEND SAYS THE SAINT USED THE THREE-LEAFED PLANT TO EXPLAIN THE TRINITY THE FATHER, SON, AND THE HOLY SPIRIT.
- 9. IT IS BELIEVED THAT ST. PATRICK DROVE ALL THE SNAKES OUT OF IRELAND. HOWEVER, IRELAND NEVER ACTUALLY HAD ANY SNAKES!
- 10. ON OR AROUND ST. PATRICK'S DAY, THE IRISH PRIME MINISTER PRESENTS THE U.S. PRESIDENT WITH A CRYSTAL BOWL OF LIVE SHAMROCKS AS A SYMBOL OF THE CLOSE TIES BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

#### HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW ABOUT ST. PATRICK'S DAY?!

(CIRCLE TRUE OR FALSE!)



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TRUE OR FALSE

2. SAINT PATRICK'S DAY HAPPENS EVERY YEAR ON MARCH 17.

TRUE OR FALSE

3. ST PATRICK'S REAL NAME WAS MAEWYN SUCCAT.

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4. ST. PATRICK DROVE ALL OF THE SNAKES OUT OF IRELAND. TRUE OR FALSE

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8. YOUR ODDS OF FINDING A FOUR-LEAF CLOVER ARE ABOUT 1 IN 500.

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10. ST. PATRICK BUILD MANY MONASTERIES, CHURCHES, TRUE OR FALSE AND SCHOOLS.

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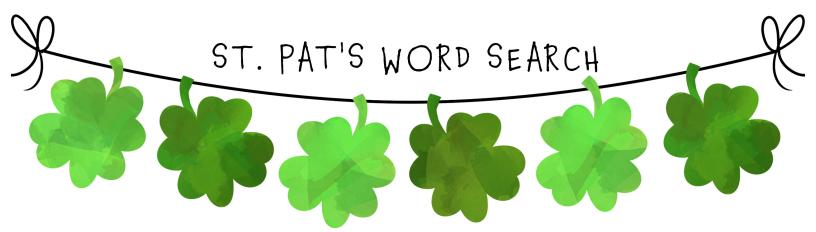
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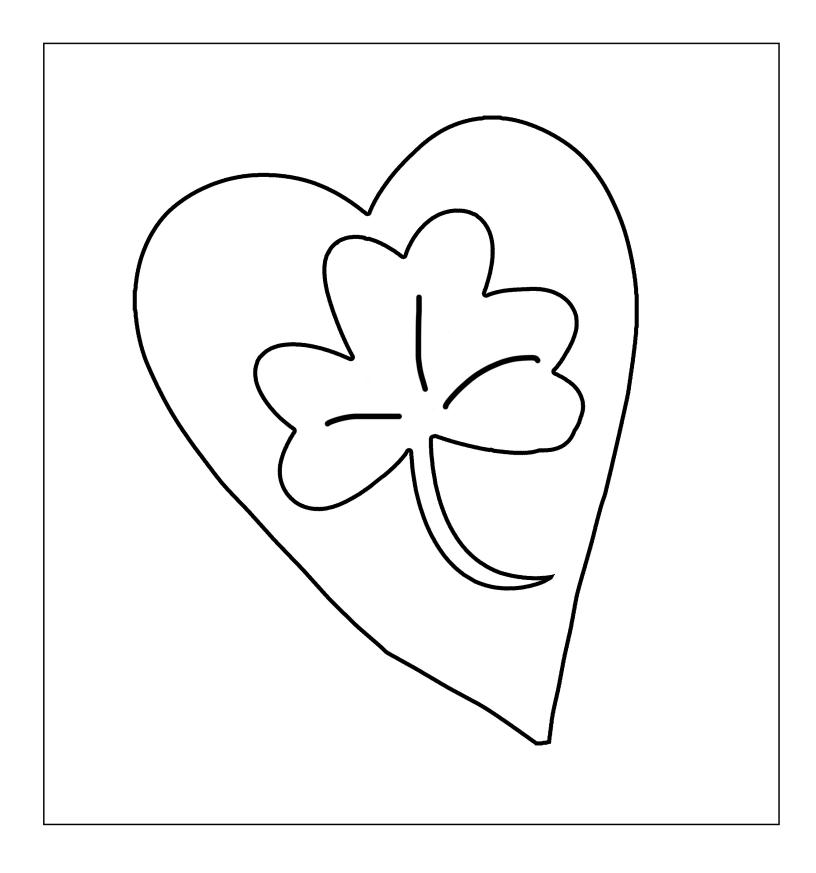
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GREEN
GOLD
ST. PATRICK'S DAY
RAINBOW
LEPRECHAUN
IRELAND

LUCKY
MARCH
BLUE
CLOVER
BRITISH
SHAMROCK

PUT A CIRCLE AROUND EVERY CLOVER WITH A NOUN IN IT. PUT A SQUARE AROUND EVERY CLOVER WITH A VERB. RAINBOW RUN JUMP CANDY LEARN CLOVER PRA WWW.HOLDLOOSELYIVFEELY.COM



### Happy St. Patrick's Day! COLORING SHEET

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4. GOLD
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