

St Patrick

Tips for Celebrating St. Patrick's Day

1. Focus on St. Patrick himself! It can be quite easy for leprechauns and pots of gold to start stealing St. Patrick's thunder. Don't let it!
2. Focus on shamrocks. Many many St. Patrick's day resources actually include 4 leaf clovers for "luck" rather than shamrocks. The reason why we use shamrocks on this day is because St. Patrick used them to teach about the Trinity, so it makes sense to focus on 3 leaves rather than 4.
3. Have some fun with snakes! Because St. Patrick is said to have banished the snakes from Ireland, this could be a great time to make some fun snake snacks or crafts.
4. Celebrate the Irish. Lots of families like to make Irish food for St. Patrick's day since he converted Ireland and lived there for quite awhile.
5. There's a lot of beautiful Catholic Celtic imagery such as the Trinity Knot - this could be a great day to learn some Celtic knots or have related food and crafts or even just print or draw some images to decorate your house.

Snake Banishing Games:

For these games, make any household snakelike object (like tube socks, ribbons, pipe cleaners...) into your "snakes" or make some snakes out of paper chains, cutting a paper plate into a spiral, a string of beads, etc.

- Cast the snakes out of Ireland". take turns throwing snakes into a basket and seeing who can get the most snakes in the basket.
- Take a bunch of snakes and hide them like you would hide eggs for an Easter egg hunt. "Round up" all the snakes in Ireland so you can banish them!
- Or for small kids, just scatter toy snakes around in a taped off circle (the island of Ireland) and let them take turns "running them all out".

Trinity Shamrock Craft:

Cut around the attached clover shape, fold, and open! Either paste on a larger paper clover or just add a stem to the cutout. See image below for example.

Sing some Trinity Songs:

"The Trinity Song", Tune of "Are You Sleeping"
God the Father, God the Father.
God the Son, God the Son.
God the Holy Spirit, God the Holy Spirit.
Three in one, three in one.

"Father I Adore You"
Father, I adore You, and I
Lay my life before You
How I love You
Jesus, I adore You, and I
Lay my life before You
How I love You
Spirit, I adore You, and I
Lay my life before You
How I love You

