

Happy Saint Patrick
day



The Life of St. Patrick

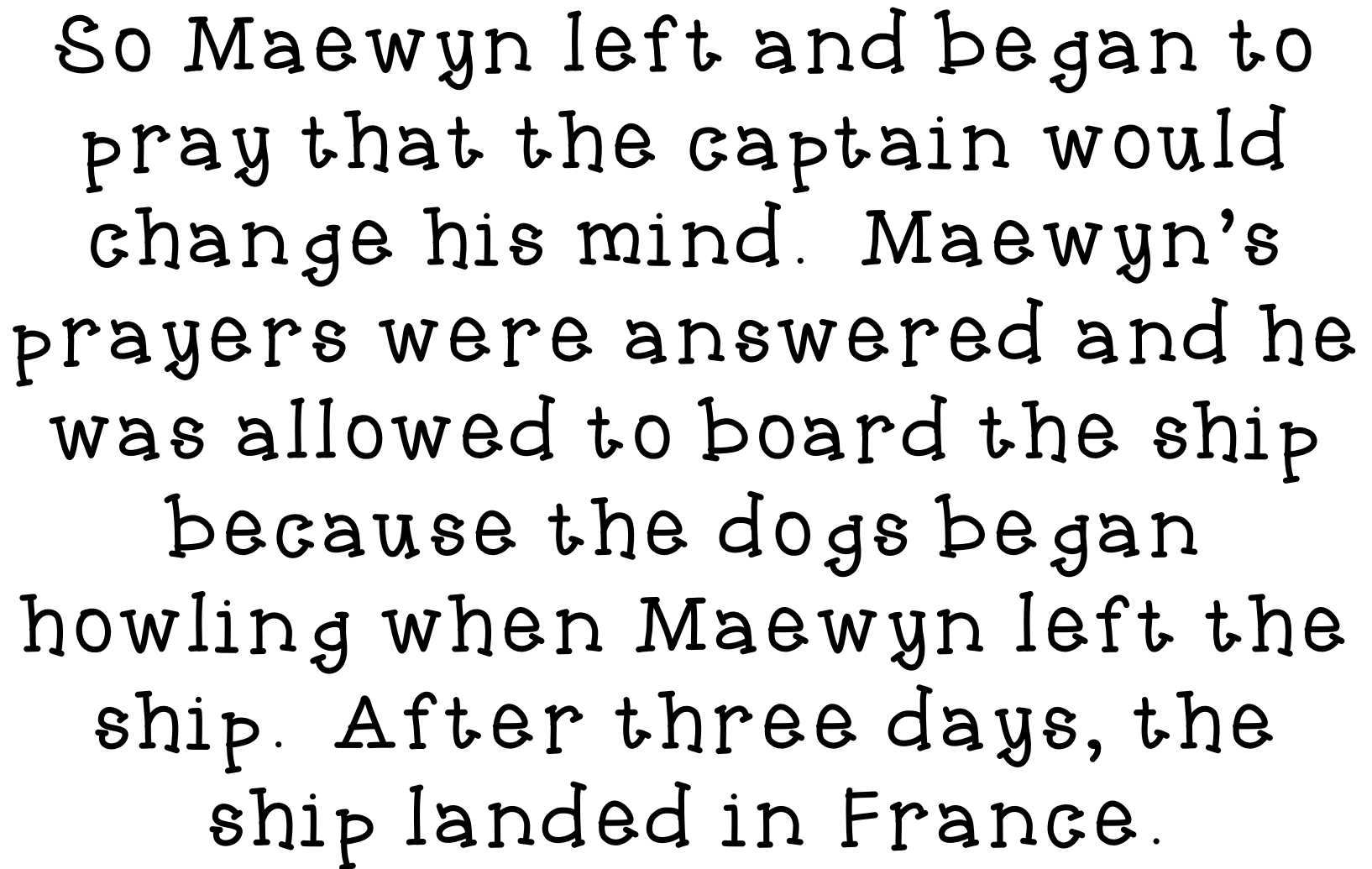
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Once there was a boy named
Maewyn. He lived in Britain
close to the Irish Sea.

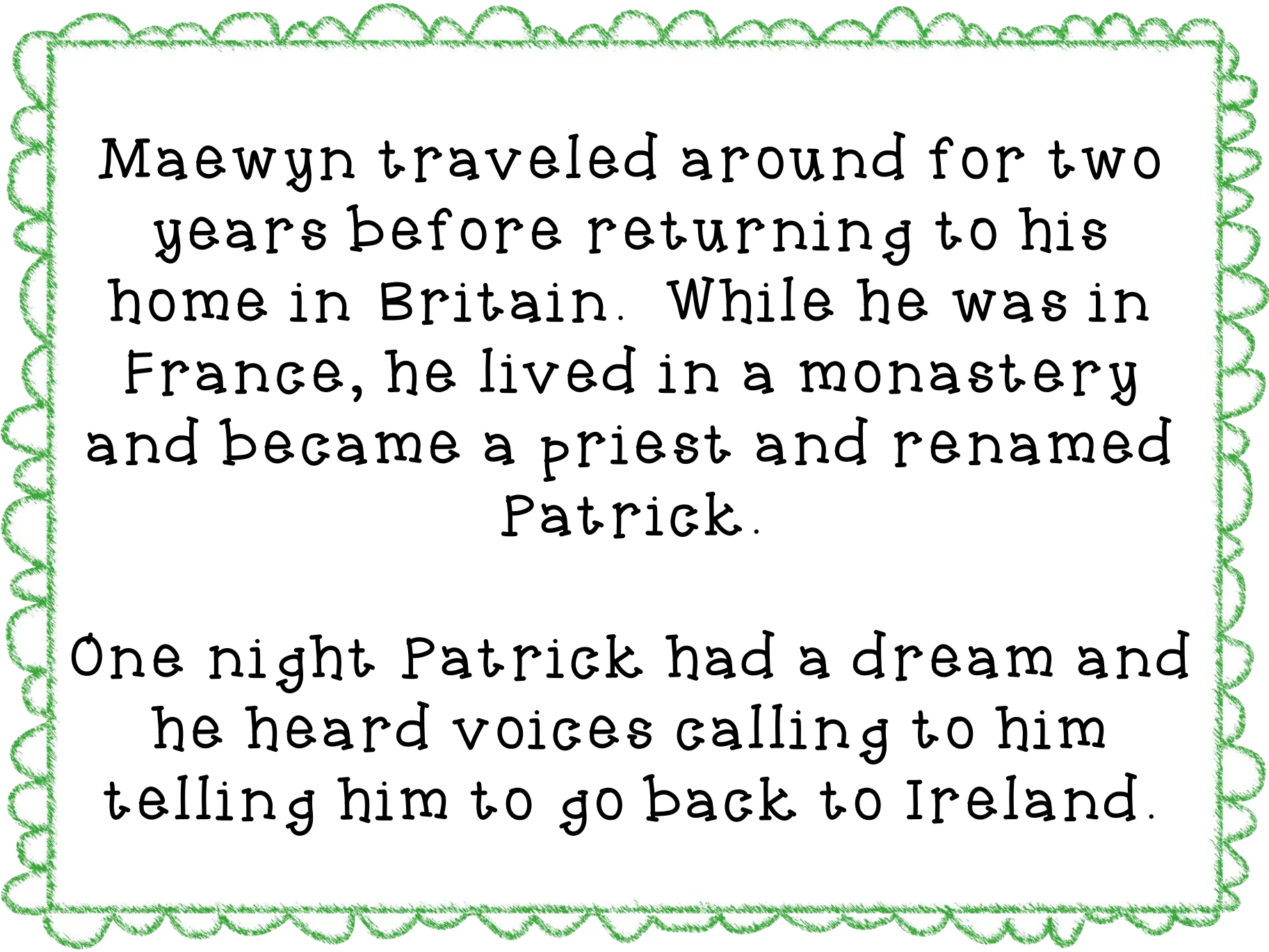
One day scary Irishmen were
sailing the Irish Sea. They
kidnapped a lot of people.
They kidnapped Maewyn and
sold him to a man named
Miliucc.

Maewyn became a slave and he had to watch Miliucc's sheep. So all Maewyn could do was pray to God that he would go home to his own country. God told him that a ship would take him back home.

But the ship was very far away and filled with hunting dogs. Maewyn tried to get on the ship but the captain said "I can not take you, get off my ship!" because he was worried Maewyn might be an escaped slave.

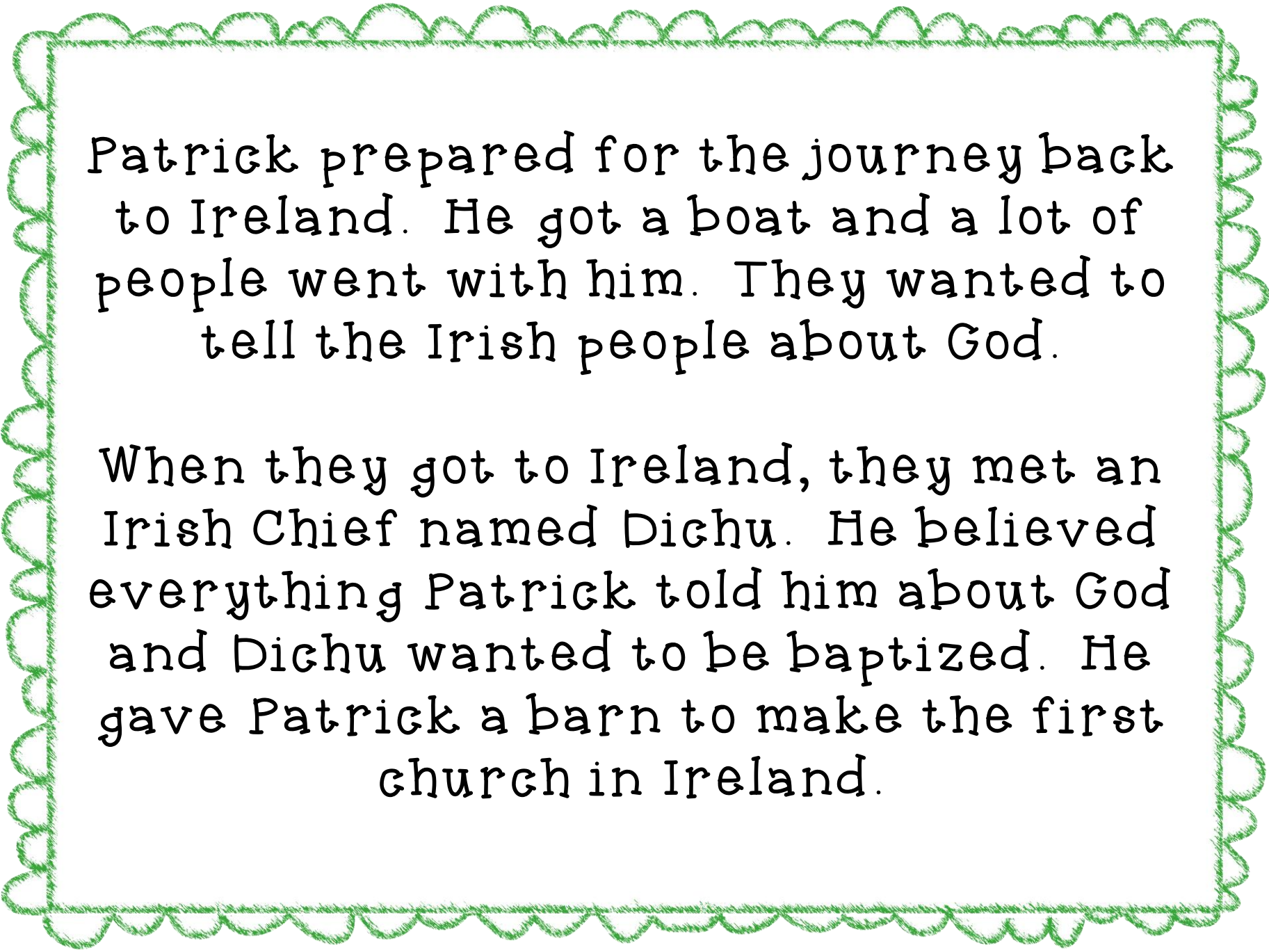


So Maewyn left and began to pray that the captain would change his mind. Maewyn's prayers were answered and he was allowed to board the ship because the dogs began howling when Maewyn left the ship. After three days, the ship landed in France.



Maewyn traveled around for two years before returning to his home in Britain. While he was in France, he lived in a monastery and became a priest and renamed Patrick.

One night Patrick had a dream and he heard voices calling to him telling him to go back to Ireland.

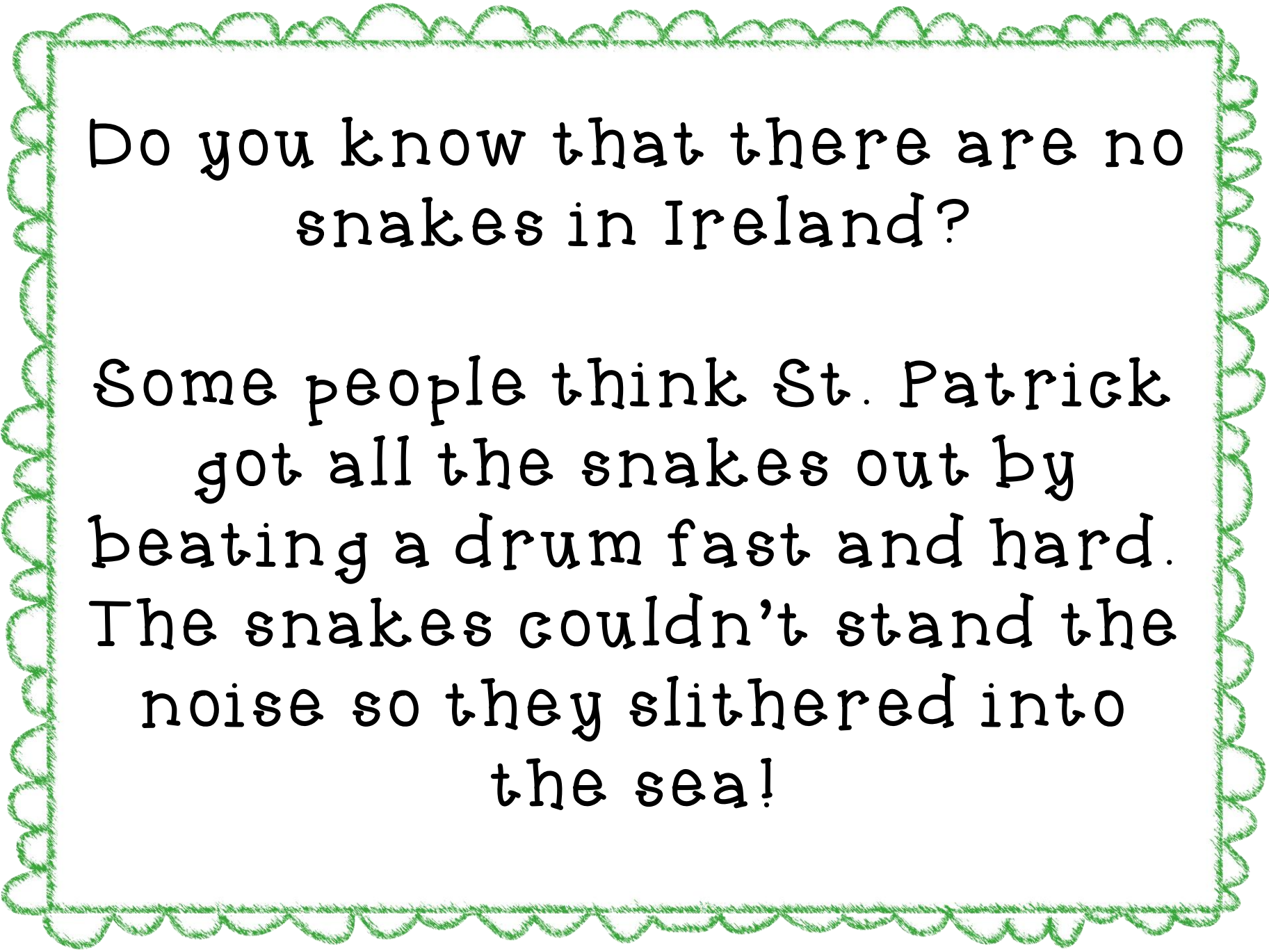


Patrick prepared for the journey back to Ireland. He got a boat and a lot of people went with him. They wanted to tell the Irish people about God.

When they got to Ireland, they met an Irish Chief named Dichu. He believed everything Patrick told him about God and Dichu wanted to be baptized. He gave Patrick a barn to make the first church in Ireland.

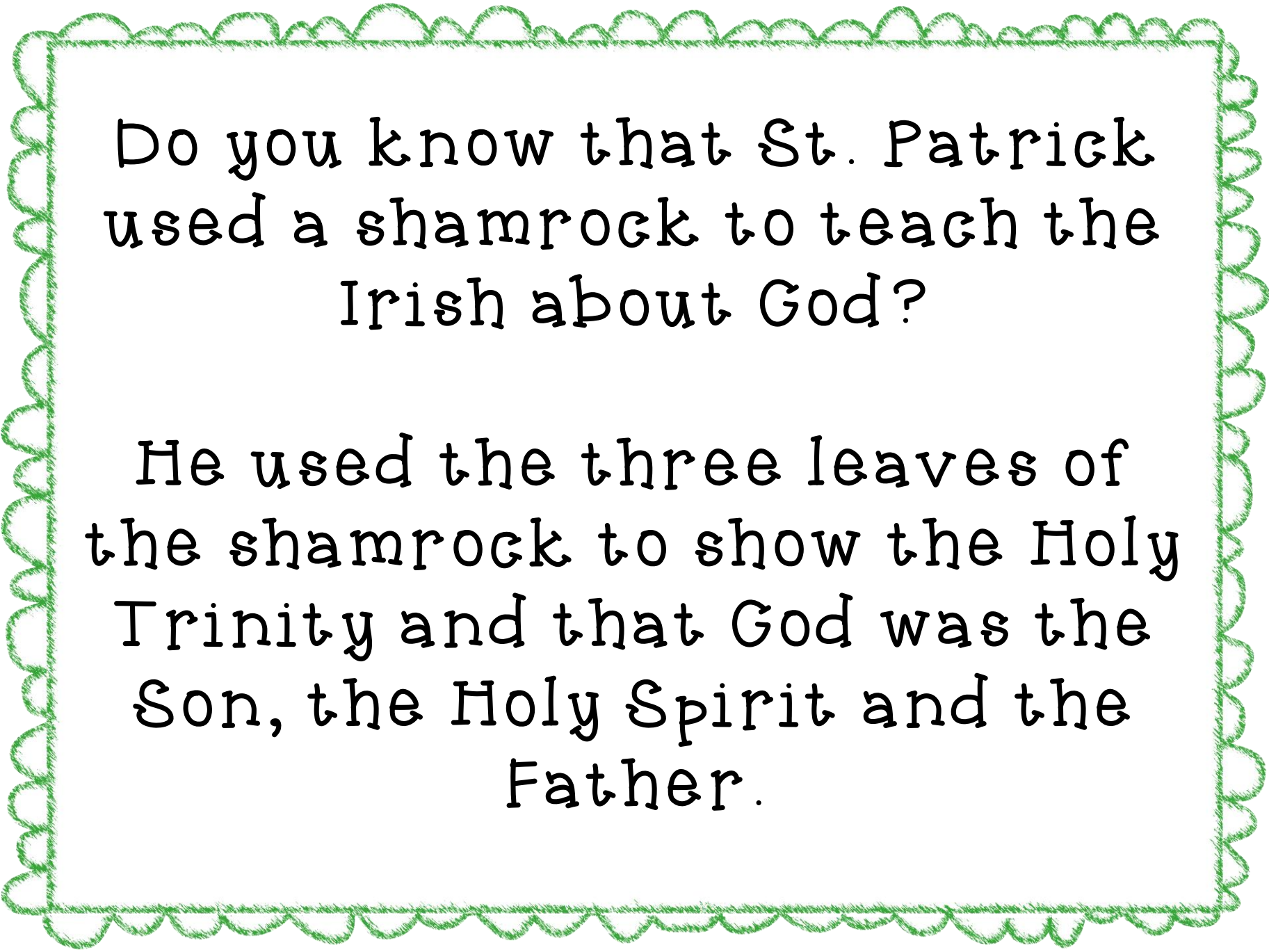
Patrick baptized thousands of people and traveled all over Ireland telling the people about God and built churches everywhere.

On March 17, 461, Patrick died and he became a saint. Now he is the patron saint of Ireland, St. Patrick.



Do you know that there are no
snakes in Ireland?

Some people think St. Patrick
got all the snakes out by
beating a drum fast and hard.
The snakes couldn't stand the
noise so they slithered into
the sea!



Do you know that St. Patrick
used a shamrock to teach the
Irish about God?

He used the three leaves of
the shamrock to show the Holy
Trinity and that God was the
Son, the Holy Spirit and the
Father.