

## Patrick's Day

### Resources for Teaching and Learning

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Would you like to share the **true story of Patrick** with a class, your own children, a Sunday school class, friends or co-workers? I have created a (elementary level) lesson plan as well as a monologue for your use. These resources are from my book *Celebrate Our Christian Holidays, Like You Were There*, available through FACE. Find the documents in Dropbox at:

<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/hbdvqegnwf4xt5/AABCYp5WuNsGs0-kYsKtdHEga?dl=0>

There are only two original sources for Patrick and they are not very long! I recommend that you read both of these before teaching on Patrick. Do an internet search and you will find them easily in a free pdf:

1. Ludwig Bieler, translator, *The Confession of St. Patrick* (copyright Beverly Schmitt)
2. *Letter to the Soldiers of Coroticus* (copyright Beverly Schmitt)

CBN produced an excellent video on Patrick entitled, *I am Patrick*. Trailer is here: [\(164\) I Am Patrick - Official Trailer - YouTube](#) . Go here to watch *I Am Patrick*: <https://www.cbn.com/giving/special/IAMPatrickDVD.aspx>

Torchlighters (Christian History Magazine) has *The St. Patrick Story (2020)* for children. It is 29 minutes. Go to Youtube.

Good secondary sources:

1. Bill Federer wrote an excellent 93 page book *Saint Patrick*. It includes Patrick's two writings referenced above.
2. *How the Irish Were Saved*, Christian History Magazine, Issue 60

3. Robert J. Myers, *Celebrations- The Complete Book of American Holidays* (Garden City, N.Y.: Doubleday and Company, Inc., 1972)

4. Ruth A. Tucker, *From Jerusalem to Irian Jaya* (Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan Publishing House, 1983)

5. Stephen M. Crotts, *Heroes of the Faith Speak, Seven Monologues*, (Lima, Ohio: CSS Publishing Company, 2003)

Also, I recommend these books for elementary students that are accurate to the original:

1. The biography *The Story of St. Valentine*, produced by The Voice of the Martyrs, with Cheryl Odden. You can purchase directly from Voice of the Martyrs online store.
2. *Patrick of Ireland*, by Wilma Pitchford Hays. This 64 page book printed in 1970 is very true to the correct story. It is out of print but you can search for it at [addall.com](http://addall.com) or other used book searches.
3. Michael J. McHugh, *Saint Patrick, Pioneer Missionary to Ireland* (Arlington Heights, Illinois: Christian Liberty Press, 1999)