

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* and available at [The Biblical Thinker.com](http://TheBiblicalThinker.com).

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*. [The trailer is here](#). Go here [to purchase I Am Patrick](#).

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

Good secondary sources:

1. *Saint Patrick* by Bill Federer is an excellent 93 page book. 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. Patrick*, 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 or other used book searches.
3. Michael J. McHugh, *Saint Patrick, Pioneer Missionary to Ireland* (Arlington Heights, Illinois: Christian Liberty Press, 1999)

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