

Answers

1. Why is St. Patrick's Day celebrated on 17th March?

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on 17th March because this is the day on which Saint Patrick died.

2. How do you think Saint Patrick might have felt when he was kidnapped and sold as a slave?

Answers alluding to his fear, not being able to speak Irish Gaelic, not knowing what was going to happen to him, etc.

3. Where does the word shamrock come from?

The word shamrock comes from the Irish Gaelic word 'seamrog', which refers to the three leaves on the plant.

4. Why does Manchester have a two-week Irish festival before St. Patrick's Day?

Manchester has a two-week Irish festival because the city has a large Irish community and many people want to celebrate St. Patrick's Day.

5. How might Saint Patrick's early life have influenced his decision to become a deacon and a priest?

Saint Patrick was born in to a Christian family and his father was a deacon and his grandfather was a priest, so these were influences on him in his early life.

6. What do you think a missionary is? Use a dictionary to help you if you need to.

A missionary is someone who goes to other countries to teach people about Christianity and God's message.

7. Name three countries which celebrate St. Patrick's Day and explain how they celebrate.

Any three from the text with an explanation for each one.

8. Where in the world is the river dyed green as part of St. Patrick's Day celebrations and why do they do this?

The river is dyed green in Chicago and they do this because green is associated with Ireland and St. Patrick's Day.

9. Why do many Irish people go to church on St. Patrick's Day?

Many Irish people go to church on St. Patrick's Day because it is a religious holiday, similar to Easter and Christmas.