# St. Patrick's Day Flip Book

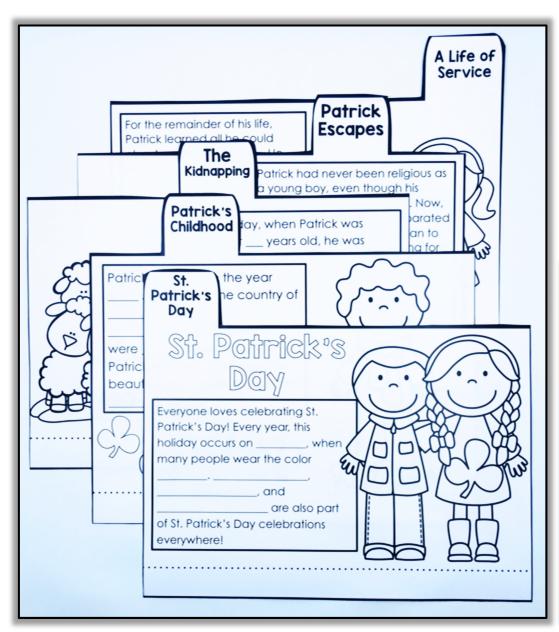
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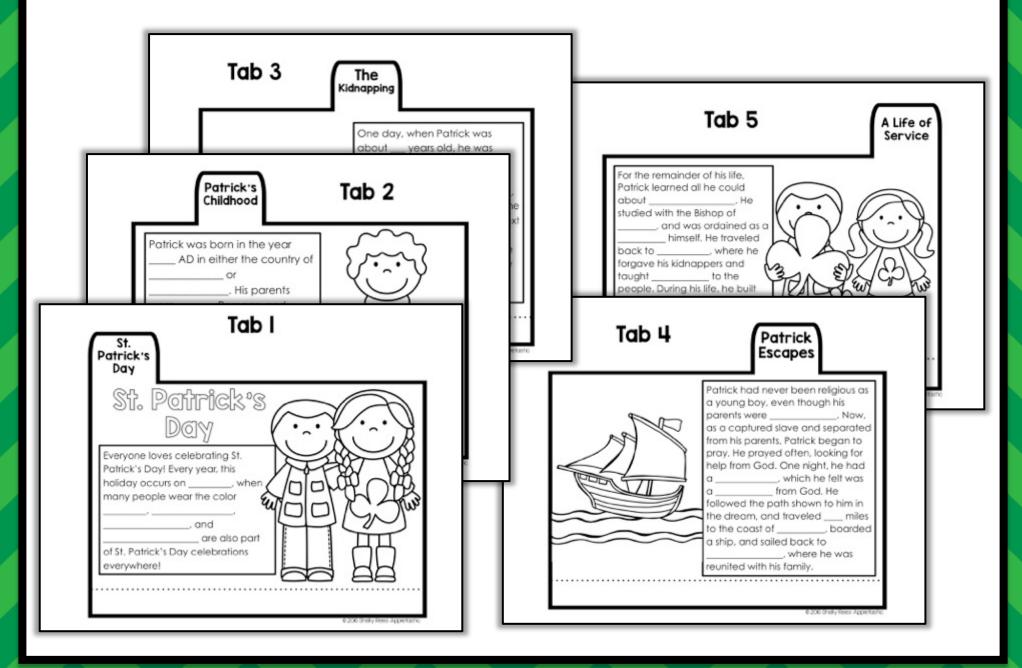
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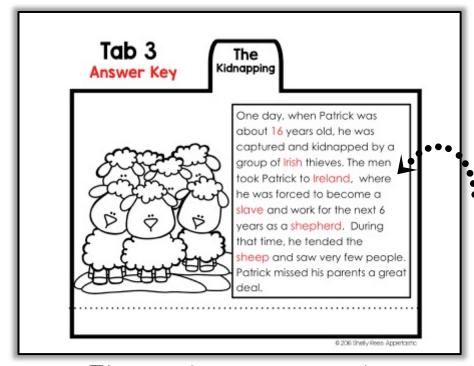


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#### Informational Passage & Answer Keys



The informational passage includes all the needed information to complete the flip book!

#### The History of St. Patrick's Day

Have you ever stopped to wonder how St. Patrick's Day began? On the 17th of March every year, we wear many shades of green, and leprechauns, shamrocks, and pots of gold are part of St. Patrick's Day celebrations everywhere. How did it all begin?

The holiday was named for a man named Saint Patrick, who was not Irish. In the year 387 AD, St. Patrick was born in either Scotland or Britain to rich Roman parents. As a young boy, he enjoyed spending time playing on the property of his family's beautiful estate.

In one quick moment, Patrick's life changed. When he was 16 years old, a group of lrish thieves and raiders attacked his family's estate. The men captured the terrified boy, kidnapping him and taking him far from home to Ireland. Once Patrick was taken and seft in the foreign country against his will, he was forced to become a slave. For the next six years of his life, he had no choice but to work as a shepherd, tending sheep and having very little contact with any other people.

O M his younger years. Patrick had never been very religious. While his parents were Christian, he had not really developed his own religious beliefs or faith. Now as a slave of separated from his mother and father, who he loved very much, he felt a deep amount of despoir and great sadness. So, Patrick turned to God. He began praying earnestly and Oith great emotion. He explained later that "the love of God... Grew in me more and more, as did the faith, and my soul was roused, so that, in a single day, I have said as many as a hundred prayers and in the night, nearly the same."

Through his prayers, Patrick developed a faith so strong that it kept him continuing on and helped him through the great loneliness and sadness that he felt.

One night, as Patrick lay sleeping while his sheep rested on the hillside nearby, he had a dream, which he felt was a vision from God. He said that God told him how to escape. He did not wait long to act. Patrick left his herd and quickly followed the route he had been shown in his dream. Travelling nearly 200 miles south to the coast of Ireland, he **boarded** a ship to Britain and sailed home to be reunited with his family.

The story does not end here, of course. Patrick had been converted to Christianity. Through his trials and hardships, his connection to God had been cemented. He was determined to study and learn all he could about Christianity. Convinced that this was what he should do with his life, Patrick studied with the bishop of France and was ordained as a bishop.

Patrick was able to forgive the men that had captured and enslaved him, and he traveled back to Ireland to teach Christianity to the Irish. He spent the remainder of his life building churches, converting thousands of people (including kings and queens) to Christianity, working miracles, and helping anyone who needed a kind hand. After 40 years of religious work in Ireland, St. Patrick died on March 17, 1461.

For people of all religions and beliefs, St. Patrick is a wonderful example of forgiveness, keeping hope, and not giving up when facing tremendous odds and hardships.

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