

Prayer

“Go, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” (Gospel of St. Matthew 28:19)

Dear God,

*When I make the Sign of the Cross, help me to always remember that
You love me and all children of the world.*

*When I make the Sign of the Cross, may my prayer always include all
missionaries who tell children everywhere each day of Your great love for them.*

Amen.

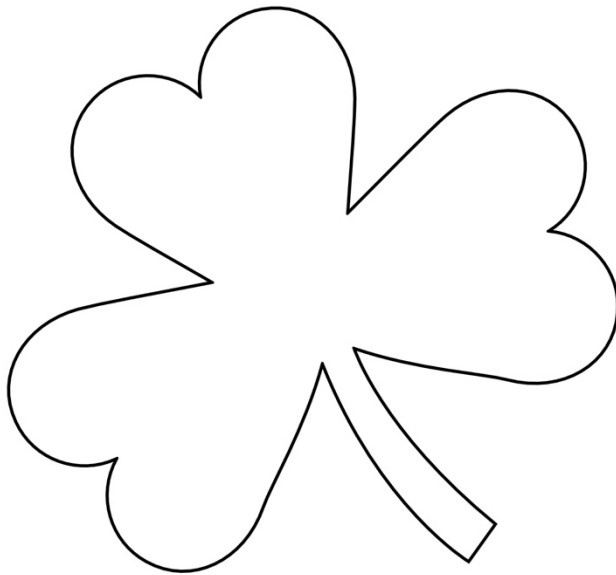
Missionary Witness: Saint Patrick

Of all saints, St. Patrick probably has the biggest celebration. His day is the 17th of March and Irish people all over the world mark the day with parades and parties. St. Patrick was a missionary, and he is remembered for using the shamrock (a little green plant with three leaves) to explain the three-part nature of God: *Father, Son and Holy Spirit*.



Language Arts Lesson Plan: Guess the Shamrock

Take a green sheet of construction paper, fold it in half and cut shamrocks out of each half (see shape to the left).



On one side, write one of your spelling words; on the other side, draw a pot of gold.

Your group leader / teacher will collect all the shamrocks and divide you into teams. Using the shamrocks, your group leader / teacher will ask your team to spell the word, identify it as a verb, adjective, noun, or adverb. If your team answers correctly, you win the pot of gold! In

the end, the team that collects the most “pots of gold” wins!

Meet the Missionaries...

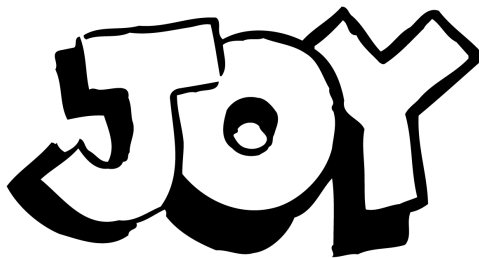


The **Evangelizing Sisters of Mary** were founded in **Uganda** in East Africa. Today there are more than 320 Evangelizing Sisters of Mary from countries in Africa, including the Democratic Republic of Congo, Uganda, Tanzania, and South Sudan. They work in many countries in Africa. They teach in

schools, make sure children get good food to eat, and offer medical care when children are sick, and to prevent them from getting sick. Most of all, these Sisters let children know they are loved by God.



Missionary Help: Joy Ornament



Using construction paper, cut out the shape of a mission country: pick a country in Africa or Asia, the Pacific Islands or Latin America. Use this shape as the “O” in the word “JOY.” Use different colored construction paper for the letters “J” and “Y.” Glue the letters on a white sheet of paper, and cut around the three letters to make the ornament. Decorate as you want – maybe add

a flag from the country, or a heart, a cross, or praying hands! Have an Extraordinary Missionary Month Fair during October for your class or religious education program, and sell the ornaments to raise money for the Missions, reminding all to pray for missionaries in your country and around the world.