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# Gold at the End of the Rainbow Part 1

Read the passage below and answer the questions that follow.

Claire and her best friend, Finnegan, were out walking on St. Patrick's Day when they spotted a rainbow in the sky. They followed the rainbow all the way to the end, and to their surprise, they found a pot of gold!

Excited about their newfound wealth, Claire and Finnegan decided to use the gold to pay for a trip to Hawaii. They spent a week relaxing on the beach, soaking up the sun and enjoying the sights of the beach.

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Claire and Finnegan thought carefully about their wishes. They wished for a lifetime supply of ice cream, a trip around the world, and for a new puppy to keep as a pet. Frank granted his wishes and the kids were thrilled. Then, they asked Frank to tell them the story of the origins of St. Patrick's Day.

Frank was happy to oblige, and he told them the story of Saint Patrick, who was born in Britain in the 4th century. When he was 16, he was captured by pirates and taken to Ireland as a slave. After six years, he escaped and went to France to become a priest. Later, he returned to Ireland as a missionary and converted many of the people there to Christianity. He used the shamrock, a three-leafed



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plant, to explain the Holy Trinity to the Irish people. St. Patrick's Day is celebrated on March 17th, which is the day St. Patrick died.

1. Why did Claire and Finnegan follow the rainbow?

- A) They wanted to meet a leprechaun.
- B) They were looking for a pot of gold.
- C) They were looking for a pot of gold.



2. Why did Claire and Finnegan follow the rainbow?

- A) A day to celebrate rainbows.
- B) A day to wear green and eat Irish food.
- C) A day to celebrate the life and work of Saint Patrick, who brought Christianity to Ireland.



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3. What is St. Patrick's Day?

- A) A day to celebrate rainbows.
- B) A day to wear green and eat Irish food.
- C) A day to celebrate the life and work of Saint Patrick, who brought Christianity to Ireland.



Answer Key: 1. B 2. B 3. C

