THE MAD LITTLE SHAMROCK

MAKE A DIFFERENCE

The word "shamrock" comes from the Gaelic word "seamrog" *(In irish, it means "summer plant")* meaning "trefoil" *(three leafed)* or "little clover". The shamrock as symbol of Ireland and St. Patrick's Day is partly due to the natural abundance of clover plants in the country, but largely due to its strong association with Christianity.

Legend says that St. Patrick used the shamrock to visually illustrate the concept of the Trinity *(the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit)*. In Christianity, God is three persons, but it's not the same as three gods! People found this hard to understand. So, St. Patrick reflected a moment and then, stooping down, he plucked a leaf from the shamrock and held it before them, then asked them to behold the living example of the "Three-in-One." The simple beauty of this explanation convinced these skeptics, and from that day the shamrock has been revered throughout Ireland.

A four-leaf clover has always been considered a symbol of good luck in Irish culture. According to legend, the leaves of a four-leaf clover represent hope, faith, and love, and God added another leaf for luck.

Happy Saint Patrick's Day

So on St Patrick Day Tell someone the story of the Shamrock!

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Cut out and give the Trinity Shamrock to your Parents or Grandparents!!

FATHER

SON

HOLY SPIRIT

Just like the leaves on each shamrock I see, there are three parts to the Holy Trinity. First is God the Father, then Jesus, His only Son. With the Holy Spirit, together, they are Three In One.