## FOLLOWERS - LESSON PLAN

Age	Term	Mod.	Module Theme	Module Title	Lesson Number and Title
11	2	4	CELEBRATION	SAINTS OF THE BRITISH ISLES AND IRELAND	42: St Patrick

Use the syllabus framework to complete above. Infants: 20 minutes; Juniors: 30 minutes; Middles & Seniors: 45 minutes (Mod. = Module Number, Module Theme - in the heading, Module Title - uppercase in the cell, Lesson Num [NO. column] and Title)

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Tick the appropriate box(es) above [copy this: ✓ ] for the modes of learning being used in this session.

## Prayer:

**St Patrick's Prayer:** Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me. Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

**Starter:** The Leader needs a small, light ball. This is thrown to a student and he/she calls out one thing he/she remembers from the previous lesson and St Columba's life. Then the student throws the ball to a classmate and the process is repeated.

**Learning objectives:** To be acquainted with St Patrick's life and the lessons his life imparts.

## **Core Activities and Learning**

- 1.Life of the saint known as the Enlightener of Ireland: The leader tells the St Patrick's life story in summary form. Resource: https://oca.org/saints/lives/2013/03/17/100821-st-patrick-the-bishop-of-armagh-and-enlightener-of-ireland
- 2. Activity: The Leader distributes the Activity Sheet 42 to the students and asks them to listen carefully as he/she reads St Patricks Prayer Lorica (see Resource Sheet 42) Ask them to complete the task, filling in the missing words from the Word Bank.
- 3. Discussion: Ask the students what they think about the saint and what they like most about him? Why? What lessons can we learn for own own lives from St Patrick?
- 4.Read or preferably sing together:

Troparion (Tone 3)

Holy Bishop Patrick, Faithful shepherd of Christ's royal flock, You filled Ireland with the radiance of the Gospel: The mighty strength of the Trinity! Now that you stand before the Saviour. Pray that He may preserve us in faith and love!

Kontakion (Tone 4)

From slavery you escaped to freedom in Christ's service: He sent you to deliver Ireland from the devil's bondage. You planted the Word of the Gospel in pagan hearts. In your journeys and hardships you rivalled the Apostle Paul! Having received the reward for your labours in heaven, Never cease to pray for the flock you have gathered on earth, Holy bishop Patrick!

## Resources:

https://oca.org/saints/lives/2013/03/17/100821-st-patrick-the-bishop-of-armagh-and-enlightener-of-ireland

Review: St Patrick enlightened Ireland with the gospel. The Light that he bore was Christ.

Follow Up: Explore other saints who evangelised Ireland, eg. St. Palladius, St. Kieran and St Bridget.