What do St. Patrick and red pandas have in common?

Most people know very little accurate information about both.

St. Patrick was Romano British, not Irish. He was kidnapped by Irish Pirates from his noble home in Brittan when he was a teenager and forced into Irish slavery. He didn’t go by the name Patrick until he trained to be a Catholic Bishop many years later in France. He returned to Ireland to share God’s love and knowledge with the Irish…the people who at one time kidnapped him. He most likely used the clover to explain God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Three distinct roles in the same one God.

Red pandas were named panda first. Not the Giant panda. They are not raccoons or foxes. But, rather very cute creatures that can teach us something about God and his creation too. Check out how in *Rojo, The Baby Red Panda at the Zoo* by Hope Mucklow.

Read more about St. Patrick in *St. Patrick’s Day* by Gail Gibbons and *Patrick Patron Saint of Ireland* by Tomie dePaola.

Color the pictures of pandas below. Draw 3 leaf clovers in the margins.

Happy St. Patrick’s Day!



Giant Panda

Red Panda

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