

## MONTHLY CELEBRATIONS

Adopt a Guinea Pig Month

Irish-American Month

International Mirth Month

National Color Therapy Month

National Craft Month

National Frozen Food Month

National Kite Month

National Noodle Month

National Peanut Month

National Umbrella Month

Spiritual Wellness Month

Women's History Month

Mad for Plaid Month

Interesting Ideas Month

Madri Gras Month

## WEEKLY OBSERVANCES

Universal Human Beings Week	March 1-7
Natl. Girl Scout Week	March 6-12
Natl. Procrastination Week	March 6-12
Festival of Owls Week	March 7-11
Universal Women's Week	March 8-14
Turkey Vultures Return	March 11-17
World Rattlesnake Round-up	March 11-13
Termite Awareness Week	March 13-19
National Agriculture Week	March 13-19
American Chocolate Week	March 20-26
National Button Week	March 20-26
World Folktales & Fables Week	March 20-26
Act Happy Week	March 21-25

## DAILY OBSERVANCES

Pig Day	March 1
Zero Discrimination Day	March 1
National Pancake Day	March 3
National Anthem Day	March 3
What Your Name Means Day	March 4
Toy Soldier Day	March 4
World Book Day	March 5
Oreo Cookie Day	March 6
World Day of Prayer	March 6
Iditarod Begins	March 7
Sock Monkey Day	March 7
International Women's Day	March 8
Natl. Peanut Cluster Day	March 8
Daylight Savings Time Begins	March 8
Barbie Day	March 9



Salvation Army Day	March 10
Johnny Appleseed Day	March 11
Earmuffs Day	March 13
Smart and Sexy Day	March 13
Potato Chip Day	March 14
Buzzards Day	March 15
St. Patrick's Day	March 17
Forgive Mom and Dad Day	March 18
National Agriculture Day	March 18
Natl. Chocolate Caramel Day	March 19
Spring (vernal equinox)	March 20
Snowman Burning Day	March 20
Corn Dog Day	March 21
International Day of the Seal	March 22
World Day for Water	March 23
Pecan Day	March 25

## THE IDES OF MARCH

First of all, every month has an "ide". It is the middle; the 15<sup>th</sup> of May, July, and October and the 13<sup>th</sup> of all other months. The "ides" of each month are that day plus the 7 days preceding it.

"Ides" is a term of the early Romans and was used to designate a deadline for settling all debts.

The "Ides of March" have become famous for it was at this time that the emperor of Rome, Julius Caesar, was assassinated by nearly 60 of his own governors, all of whom had knives and stabbed him repeatedly. His brother-in-law was one of the assassins.

A LITTLE MADNESS IN THE SPRING  
IS WHOLESOME, EVEN FOR A KING

Emily Dickinson

## ST. PATRICK

ST. Patrick was not Irish but was born in Britain.. As a teenager, Patrick was kidnapped by Irish pirates and sold into slavery in Ireland. He escaped back to Britain studied Christianity, became a bishop, and returned to Ireland as a missionary.

St. Patrick's Day is celebrated, not on the birth date of Patrick but, on the date of his death, 1,558 years ago.

Although Ireland is known as the Emerald Isle, the color that was worn by St. Patrick was actually blue.

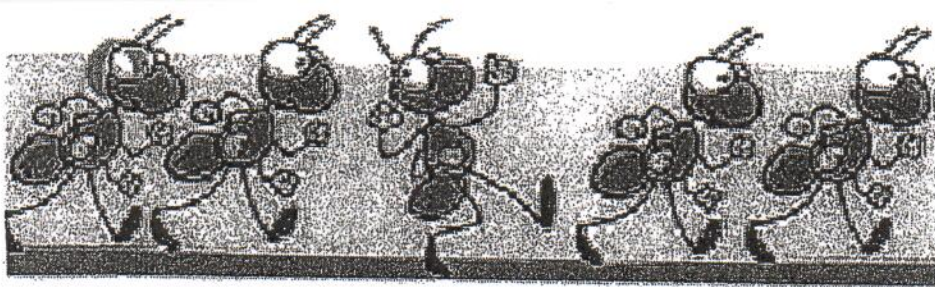
Since St. Patrick is credited with bringing Christianity to Ireland, St. Patrick's Day there has traditionally been a day of prayer and reflection. Until the 1960s, the pubs across Ireland were closed on St. Patrick's Day.

The St. Patrick's Day that we are familiar with originated in America in the early 1900s.

Corned beef was unheard of in Ireland. Eating corned beef was a custom begun in New York in the late 1800s.

St. Patrick did NOT rid Ireland of snakes. Being an island, Ireland had no native snakes.





## March

By Dr. Holly

March is a month  
That changes its mind.  
It's naughty, then nice,  
Cruel and then kind.

Some days are warm  
And others are chilly.  
It might rain or snow-  
It's really quite silly!

The wind blows so hard  
It sounds like a lion.  
It tickles your nose  
And sets your hair flyin'.

Then there are days  
When March turns on its charm,  
It's soft as a lamb,  
All gentle and warm.

The last month of winter?  
The first month of spring?  
You just never know  
What March will bring!

## MARCH TRIVIA

Texas declared its independence from Mexico in March of 1836.

The Boston Massacre occurred in March of 1770.

Santa Anna captured the Alamo in March of 1836.

Alexander Graham Bell patented the telephone in March of 1876.

The Girl Scout movement was founded in March of 1912.

The American Legion was founded in March of 1919.

The U.S. bought Alaska from Russia in March of 1867.

Daylight Savings Time went into effect in the U.S. in March of 1918.



## JUST FOR FUN

The name March comes from the Roman god of war, Mars. His month was the beginning of farming activities and on early calendars was the first month of the year. It is only since 1752 that January became the first month.

Christian churches calculate Easter as the first Sunday after the first full moon on or after the spring equinox. This equinox happens the moment the sun passes over the equator on its march back north, usually on March 19, 20, or 21. The earliest possible date for Easter is therefore March 22 and the latest possible date is April 25.

One flower most associated with March is the Narcissus or Wild daffodil. It is named after the Greek boy who turned into a flower. It is also known as the Lent Lily because it blooms early in spring, the blossoms falling before Easter.

## **March Lamb or Lion**

When March comes in gently, with soft skies of blue  
And warm happy breezes and crocus buds too  
March begins like a lamb, sweet gentle and kind  
But you'd better beware for you'll surely find  
That the end of the month will be stormy and cold  
Like a lion it'll roar, rough, growly and bold  
If March begins windy, and stormy and gray,  
If it's too cold outside, to happily play  
The lion's here first, and he's not so nice  
You should be indoors take my advice  
But wonderful weather is coming they say  
By the end of the month the lamb's here to stay.

~ Author Unknown ~

## **March Winds and April Showers**

March winds and April showers  
Popping up are pretty flowers  
A kite flying in the sun  
Aren't you glad that spring's begun!



## MARCH THROUGH HISTORY

DATE	YEAR	EVENT
1	1932	Charles Lindbergh's son is kidnapped
1	1961	Pres. Kennedy established Peace Corps
1	1974	7 indicted in Watergate conspiracy
2	1933	King Kong premiered in New York
4	1789	First meeting of new US congress
4	1882	Jesse James dies at age 32
5	1770	The Boston Massacre. 5 Americans killed
6	1836	Fort Alamo fell to the Mexican army
7	1876	Alexander Bell got patent for telephone
7	1988	The Beatles first album is released
10	1862	First issue of US paper money
10	1880	Salvation Army formed in US
11	1918	Spanish flu reached America eventually Killing 500,000 Americans
12	1912	Girl Scouts of America founded
12	1888	The Great Blizzard of 88 / NY; snowed for 36 Hours, dumping 40", killing 400 people



16	1802	West Point is established
18	1931	First electric razor marketed
19	2003	US attacks Iraq and Saddam Hussein
19	1918	Congress approved daylight savings time
21	1963	Alcatraz Prison is closed
22	1973	the Equal Rights Amendment passed
26	1979	The Camp David Accord ended war Between Egypt and Israel
28	1979	Three Mile Island nuclear power plant failure
30	1981	Assassination attempt on Pres. Reagan
30	1867	US bought Alaska from Russia
31	1933	Civilian Conservation Corps is founded

"Winds of March we welcome you  
 There is work for you to do  
 Work and play and blow all day  
 Blow the winter winds away"

# March Wind

March wind is a jolly  
fellow;  
He likes to joke and  
play.  
He turns umbrellas  
inside out  
And blows men's  
hats away.

He calls the pussy  
willows  
And whispers in  
each ear,  
"Wake up you lazy  
little seeds;  
Don't you know that  
spring is here?"

## March Wind

The wind is pushing  
Against the trees,  
He'll take off your hat  
Without asking you "please",  
He rattles the windows  
And puffs at a cloud,  
Then scoots down the chimney  
And laughs aloud.

## MARCH WIND

author unknown

Never mind March, we know  
When you blow  
You're really not mad  
Or angry or bad,  
You're only blowing the winter away,  
To get the world ready  
For April and May.

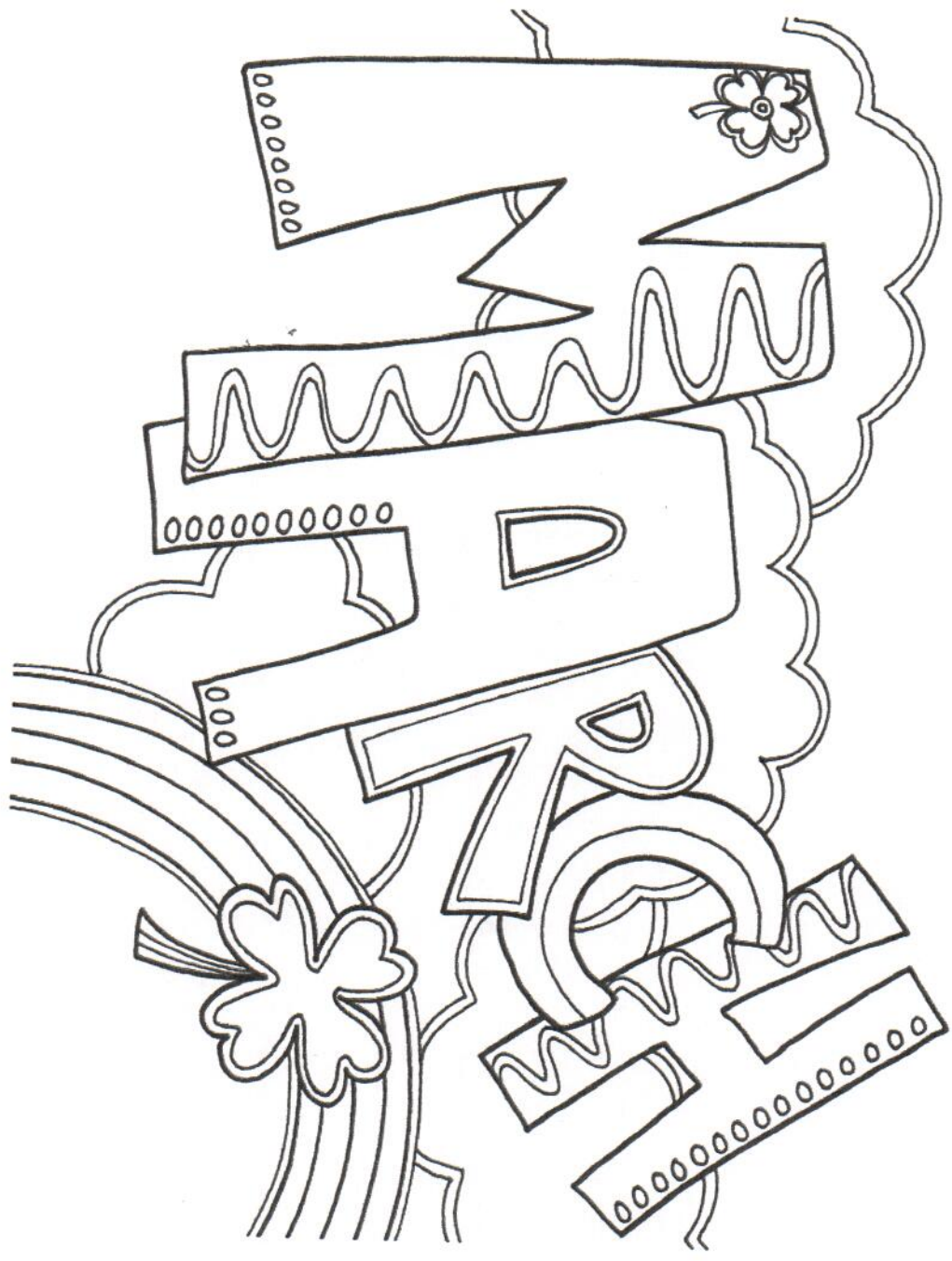
## I See The Wind...

I see the wind when the leaves dance by,  
I see the wind when the clothes wave "Hi!"  
I see the wind when the trees bend low,  
I see the wind when the flags all blow.

I see the wind when the kites fly high,  
I see the wind when the clouds float by.  
I see the wind when the it blows my hair,  
I see the wind most everywhere.









# Saint Patrick's Day Word Search

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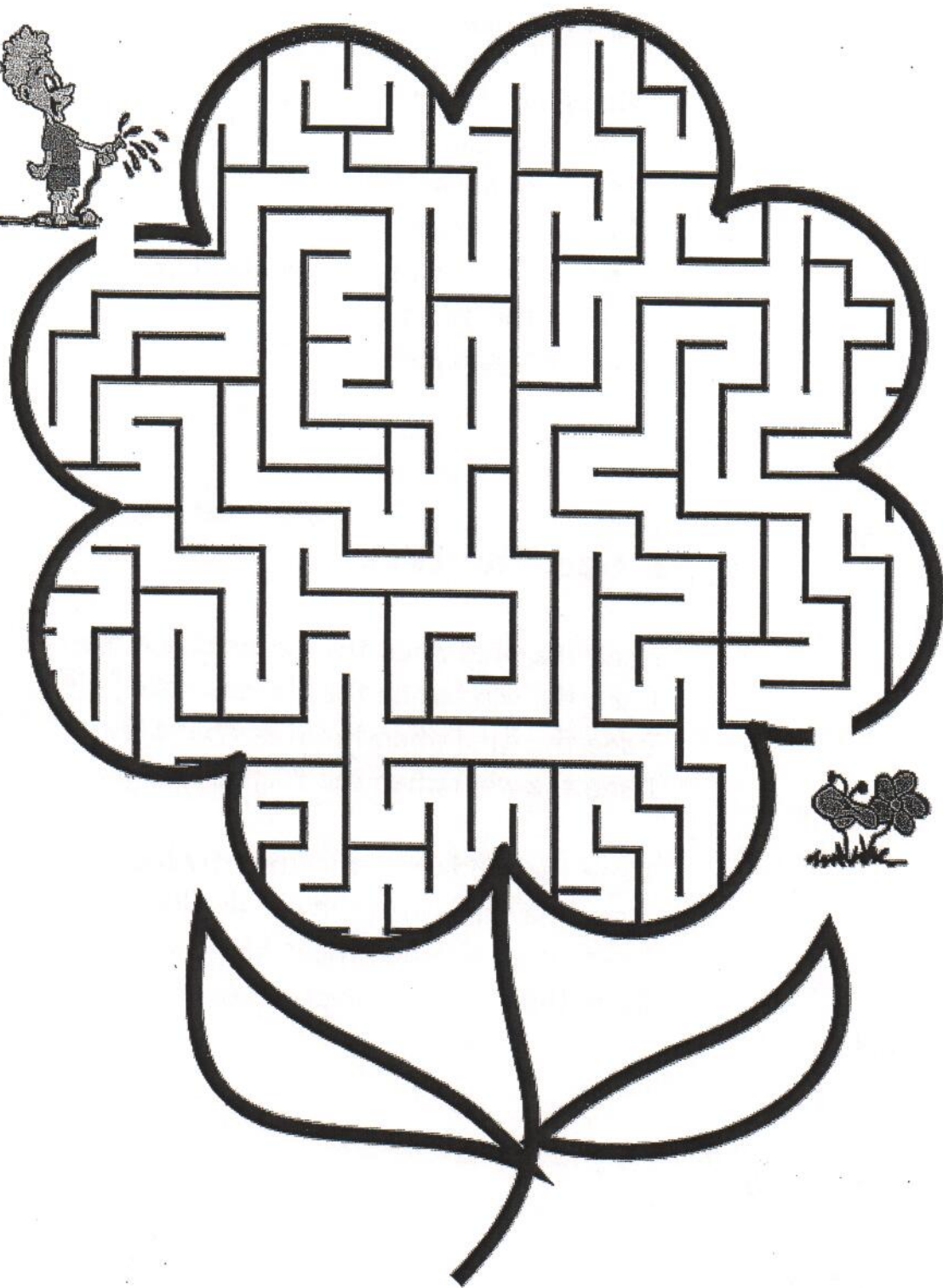


CELTIC	DUBLIN	GREEN
IRELAND	IRISH	LEGEND
LEPRECHAUN	LIMERICK	PATRICK
POTOFGOLD	RAINBOW	SAINT
SHAMROCK	SNAKES	





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# Spring

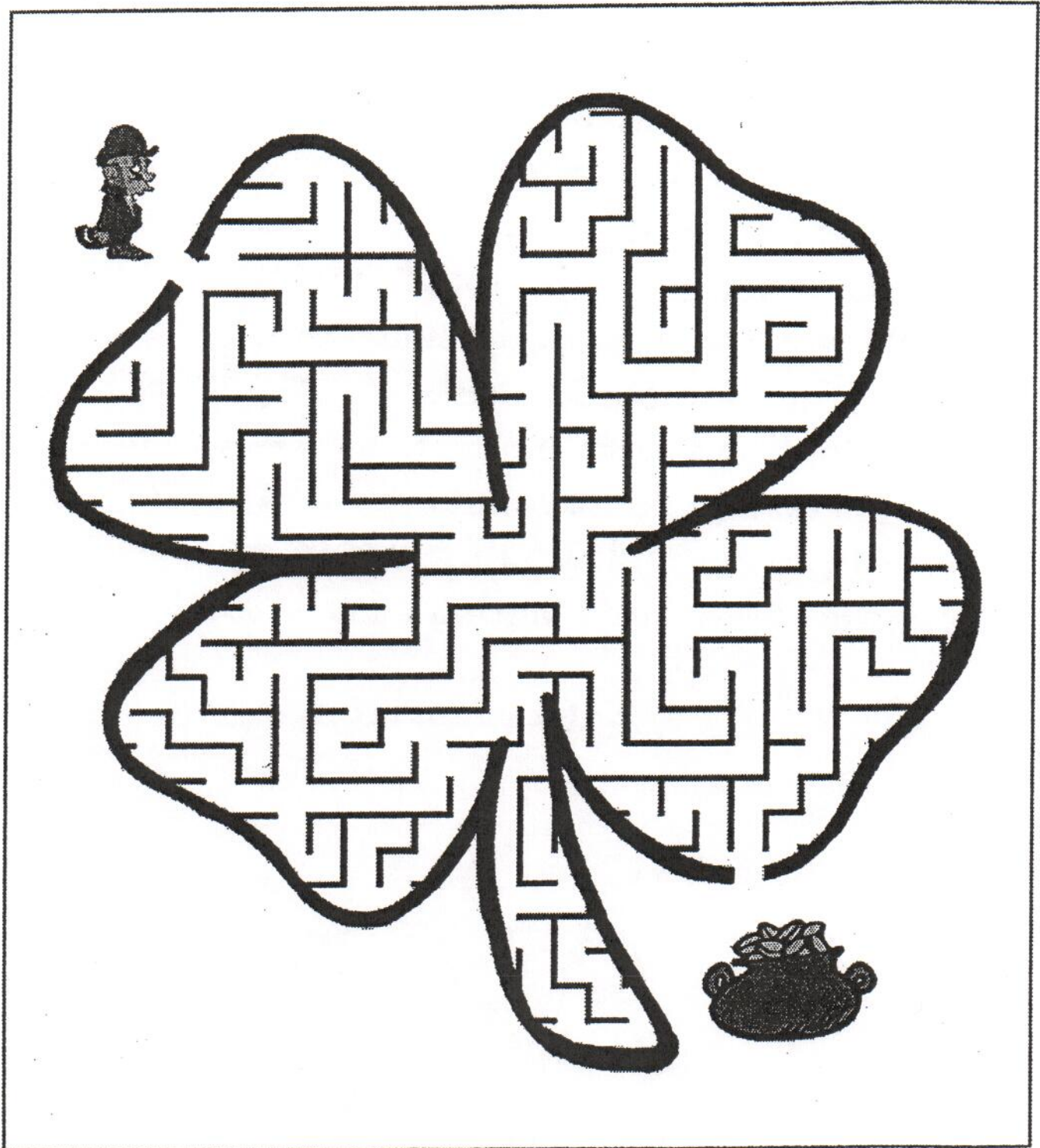
Find and circle all of the words that are hidden in the grid.  
The remaining letters spell a message about Spring.

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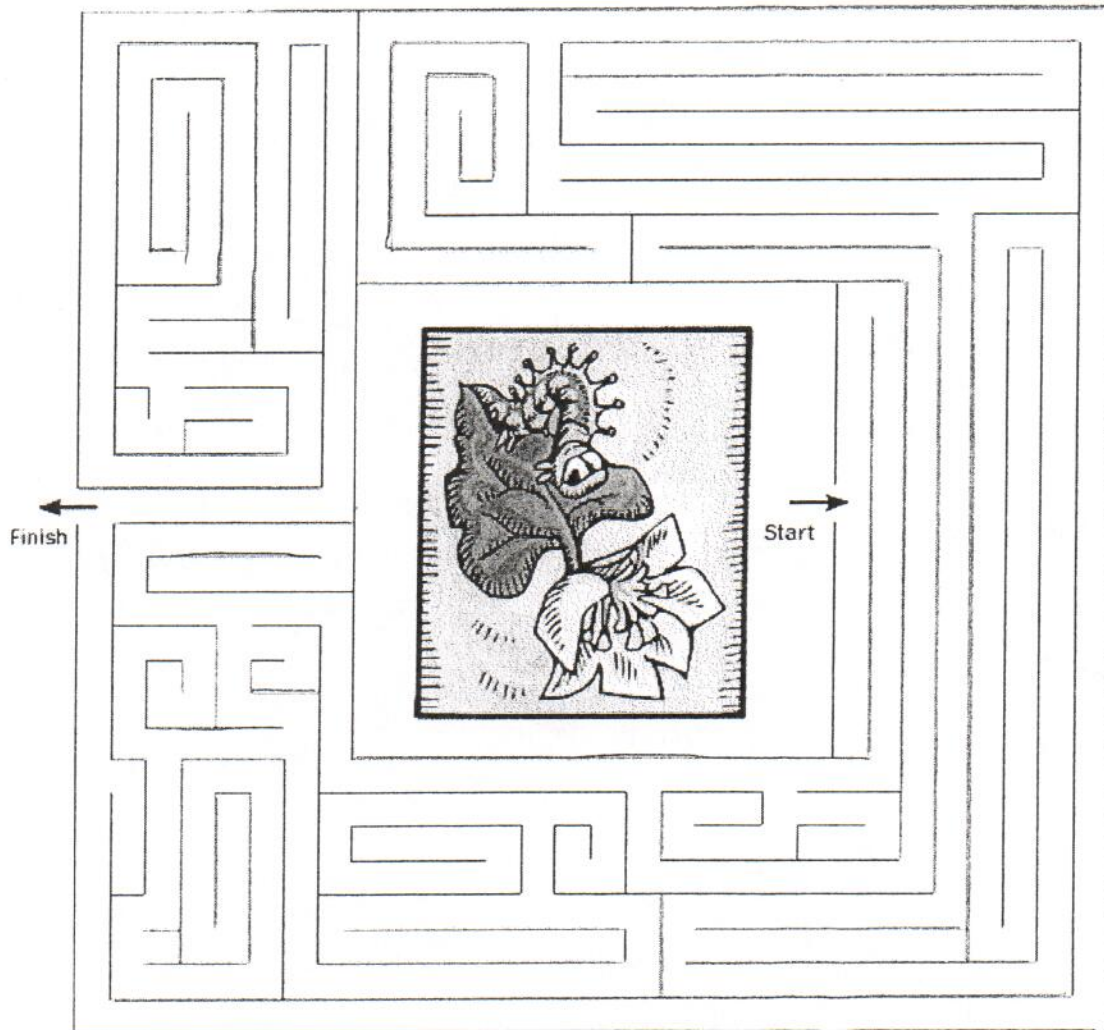
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ROBINS  
SEASON  
SNOWMELT  
SOFTBALL  
SPRING BREAK  
SPRING CLEANING  
TULIPS  
WARMER  
WET





# MARCH



## St. Patrick's Day

Q Y S W Y N V E F E R W A J S  
R E V O L C F A E L R U O F E  
K S H J G P M U S I C I G S V  
N U A H C E R P E L G R I N E  
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P O T O F G O L D E C A R O T  
E C N A D C V G X E K P A G H  
C O C T K D A L F N I U M J D

DANCE  
FOUR LEAF CLOVER  
GOLD COINS  
GOOD LUCK  
GREEN  
HARP  
IRELAND  
JIG  
LEPRECHAUN

MAGIC  
MARCH  
MUSIC  
POT OF GOLD  
RAINBOW  
SEVENTEENTH  
SHAMROCK  
ST. PATRICK'S DAY

# ST. PATRICK'S DAY

T O S U H P L S C C E E S D  
I I N L R S H U J I G I H F  
M E S A T A I Y C O U R I Y  
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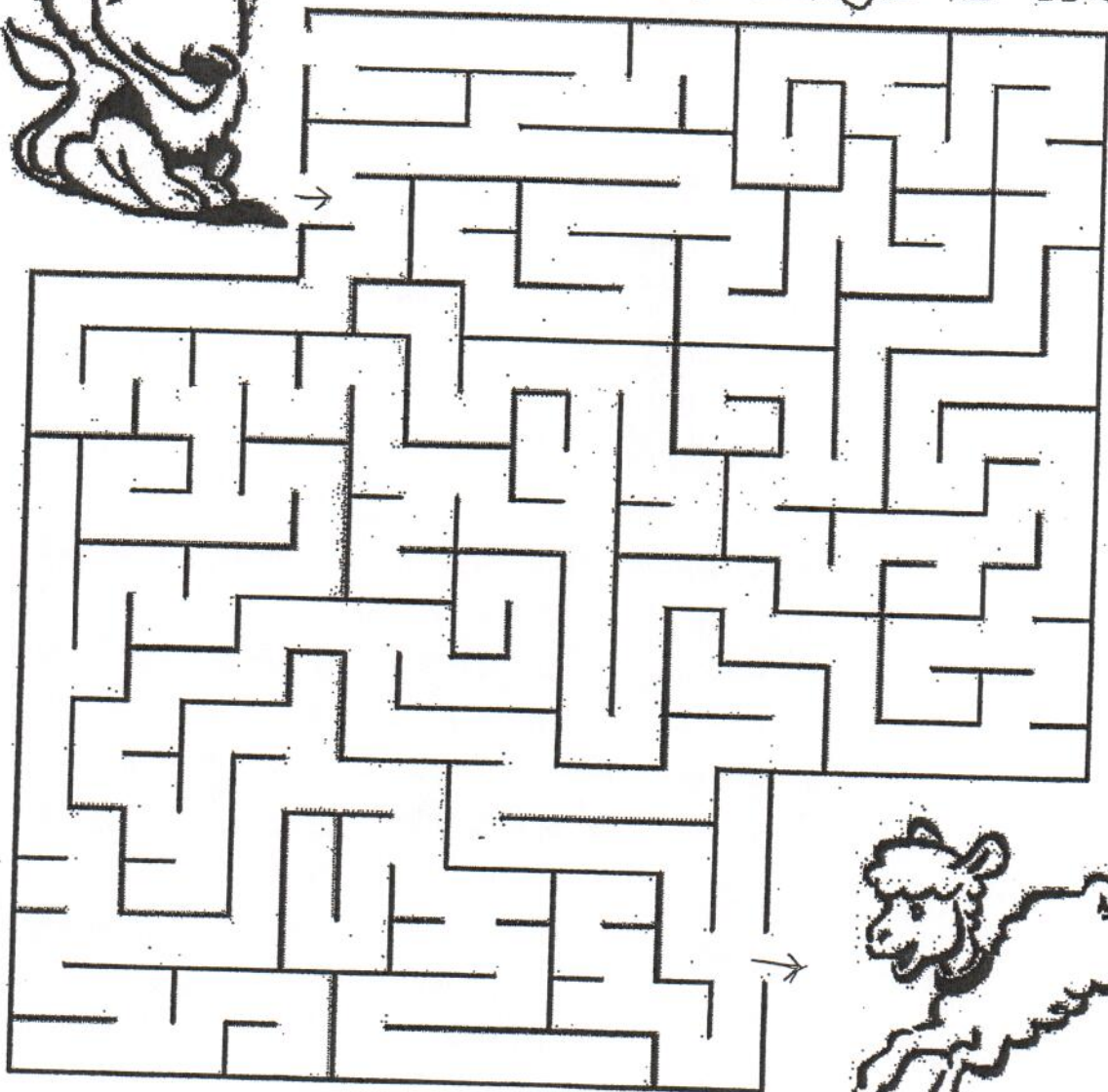




# MARCH



comes in like a lion



goes out like a lamb

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N T J W W K L Q U C H L Y U P  
J B Q A P F Z O K U N Q O J X  
I W I N B I R E L A N D G S Y  
J D C K C O R M A H S Y B Z X



CELTIC  
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LIMERICK  
RAINBOW  
SNAKES

GREEN  
LEGEND  
PATRICK  
SAINT





# MARCH WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the letters to form a word associated with the month of March.

## PUZZLE #1

siKlt

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niaSt

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deIs

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maLb

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pringS

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oniL

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shirI

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Geern

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netL

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redaPa

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dWiny

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# MARCH WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the letters to form a word associated with the month of March

## Puzzle #2

ntel

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mlab

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nidw

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regen

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tS.trickPa

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naskes

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niol

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morkcash

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shirI

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nilubD

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Puzzle #3

ST. PATRICK'S DAY WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the letters to form words associated with  
Ireland

RENGE

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NEYLARB

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KESNAS

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RAMSHKOC

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KISHERWS

\_\_\_\_\_

KLUC

\_\_\_\_\_

RISIH

\_\_\_\_\_

BAGBECA

\_\_\_\_\_

REBE

\_\_\_\_\_

RECHLEPNAU

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LODG

\_\_\_\_\_

IJG

\_\_\_\_\_

SALS

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# MARCH WORD SCRAMBLE

Unscramble the letters to form a word associated with the month of March.

## PUZZLE #4

kesBat \_\_\_\_\_

yenlarB noetS \_\_\_\_\_

sssnigleB \_\_\_\_\_

nyBnu \_\_\_\_\_

tEaser \_\_\_\_\_

sgEg \_\_\_\_\_

nirE \_\_\_\_\_

oGod diyFra \_\_\_\_\_

enrGe \_\_\_\_\_

lareInd \_\_\_\_\_

## ANSWERS TO WORD SCRAMBLES 1-4

### PUZZLE #1

Kilts

Saint

Ides

Lamb

Spring

Lion

Irish

Green

Lent

Parade

Windy

### PUZZLE #2

lent

lamb

wind

green

St. Patrick

snakes

lion

shamrock

Irish

Dublin

### PUZZLE #3

Green

Blarney

Snakes

Shamrock

Whiskers

Luck

Irish

Cabbage

Beer

Leprechaun

Gold

Jig

Lass

### PUZZLE # 4

Basket

Blarney Stone

Blessings

Bunny

Easter

Eggs

Erin

Good Friday

Green

Ireland