

Kids Korner

St. Patrick's Day

On March 17, many people dress in green and have parties. Why? Because it's St. Patrick's Day, a celebration of an Irish saint. St. Patrick was born around 389 A.D., and he worked hard to strengthen the Christian Church in Ireland. His feast day is on March 17.

On St. Patrick's Day, many people celebrate by wearing green. This is because another name for Ireland is "The Emerald Isle." Shamrocks are a green plant that's associated with Ireland, so many people wear shamrocks or pictures of them. They may also eat special foods like corned beef and potatoes. Some grownups drink Irish beer. Many people sing songs or dance. Some cities have parades, too.

How will you celebrate St. Patrick's Day?
Will you wear green?

Johann Sebastian Bach

Johann Sebastian Bach was one of the greatest composers in history. He was born on March 21, 1685, in Germany. He created many musical works both for church and for everyday. His church music is still used in some churches.

Bach was born into a family of musicians. His parents died when he was nine years old. He then went to live with his brother, an organist, and learned to play and write his own music. In 1703, at the age of about 18, Bach accepted a job in an orchestra. Six months later, he became a church organist. Bach held a variety of jobs in churches throughout his life. He was difficult to work with, and in one case, he angered the church people he worked for so much that they threw him in jail for a month!

Bach was married twice and had 20 children! Several of his sons also became well-known composers. Bach died in Leipzig, Germany, on July 28, 1750.



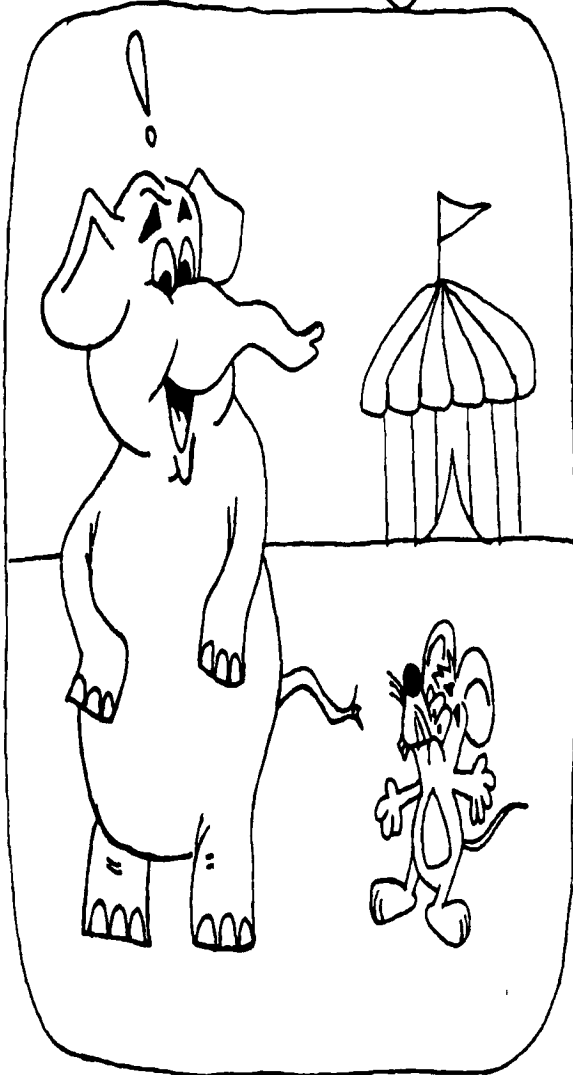
Spring Equinox

What does the word "equinox" look like to you? If you think "equinox" looks like the word "equal," then you have a good idea of what it means. An equinox happens when day and night are exactly the same length of time. In winter, the days are shorter, and in summer, the days are long and the nights are shorter. Between summer and winter, there are two times when days and nights are exactly the same length.

There will be an equinox this month on March 20. And what does that mean? It means that spring is here!

Traditionally, the equinoxes mark the start of a new season—the one in March marks the beginning of spring, and the one in September marks the beginning of autumn.

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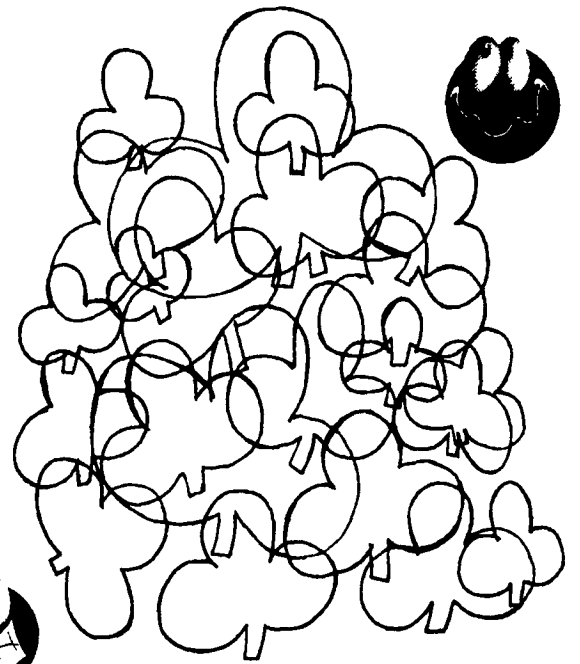
Lost Pot-O-Gold

Help the leprechaun find his pot of gold.



Lot-O-Luck

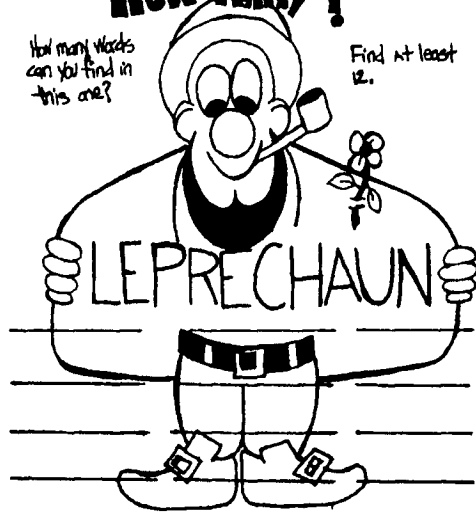
How many clovers can you count?



How Many?

How many words can you find in this one?

Find at least 12.

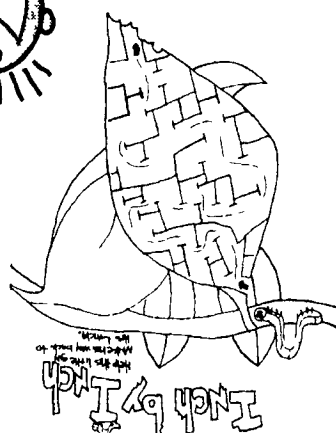


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Lot-O-Luck

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cheer
run
pearl
prune
are
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peel
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How Many?



Answers:

