

# Answers

1. Who was Potitus?

**Potitus was Saint Patrick's grandfather.**

2. What was his job? Tick one.

- ☐ a Roman businessman
- ☐ a Christian missionary
- ☒ **a Catholic priest**
- ☐ an Irish pirate

3. 'His family were thought to be very wealthy...'

What does the word **wealthy** mean? Tick one.

- ☐ angry
- ☐ tired
- ☐ respected
- ☒ **rich**

4. At what age was Saint Patrick captured by pirates?

**Saint Patrick was captured by pirates when he was 16.**

5. Find and copy a word from the section entitled The Wild Boar which means the same as 'wandering'.

**roaming**

6. Why can't historians be certain about the details of Saint Patrick's life?

**Historians cannot be certain about the details of Saint Patrick's life because he lived such a long time ago and there is nobody left alive to ask or verify the details.**

7. Why do you think that Saint Patrick had difficulty in persuading the ship's captain to take him?

**Accept any suitable answer, such as: Saint Patrick had difficulty in persuading the ship's captain to take him because Saint Patrick was not a member of the crew and the captain thought that he could get in trouble.**

8. 'Saint Patrick was brave for returning to Ireland.'

Do you agree with this statement? Explain your answer.

**Pupils' own responses, such as: Yes, I think Saint Patrick was brave for returning to Ireland because he had been used as a slave there and treated horribly in the past.**