

## Under Every Pot Of Gold...

The Irish are full of wit and wisdom! The following are some well-known Irish sayings. Put students in cooperative groups to discuss the literal meaning of each saying and when each would be used. Then have each group determine the deeper meaning of each saying. Discuss each group's interpretations; then have each student write about a time when one of these sayings fit a situation in his life. Add a "touch o' humor" by having the student write his anecdote on an illustration of the saying.

- A shut mouth catches no flies.
- In the world of the blind the one-eyed man is king.
- A full cabin is better than an empty castle.
- You can't find a thing except in the place it is.
- Often a person's mouth has broken his nose.
- He who has water and peat on his farm has the world.
- The people go, but the hills remain.
- Don't desert the highway for the shortcut.
- A blessing does not fill the belly.



## The Luck Of The Irish!

When was the last time you heard someone say, "Boy, are you lucky!" Lucky charms, hats, socks, and coins are kept by people everywhere. In Irish lore, if you catch a leprechaun, he is supposed to lead you to a pot of gold. The four-leaf clover is supposed to bring good luck to its finder. Discuss with your students questions such as: "What is luck? Is there really such a thing? Why doesn't it work all of the time?" Ask students what items they have that they consider "lucky," and why they feel these items bring them luck. Give each student a copy of the shamrock pattern on page 51. On his pattern have each student write the name of an item that he considers lucky. Then instruct him to describe what makes the item a lucky object. Or vary the assignment by having each student describe why he thinks he is a lucky person. Display the completed patterns on a wall or bulletin board titled "Shamrocks And Shillelaghs."

