

COLMCILLE'S LIFE AND LEGACY

WORKSHEETS



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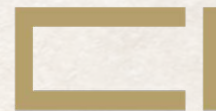


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WORKSHEET 1: WORD SEARCH

Find all the words connected with St. Colmcille in the word search.

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

Find the following words in the puzzle.
Words are hidden → ↓ and ↘ .

COLMCILLE
COLUMBA
DERRY
DOVE
DROIM CEAT

GARTAN
GLENCOLMCILLE
IONA
MISSIONARY
MONASTERY

OAK
PILGRIMAGE
SAINT



WORKSHEET 2:

MAP OF ST. COLMCILLE'S TRAVELS IN IRELAND

Can you be a detective and figure out the missing letters from the places St. Colmcille has been?

Hints for missing letters

1. G_____, the place where St. Colmcille was born.
2. T__P__ D___L___, the place St. Colmcille was baptised.
3. _____Y, site of St. Colmcille's first monastery.
4. G___C_____I___, the place he defeated the demons.
5. T___I___, an island that St. Colmcille converted to Christianity.
6. D_____C_____, a great meeting was held here in 575 AD.





WORKSHEET 3: SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

Can you spot the 9 differences between the two St. Colmcilles?





WORKSHEET 4: IDENTIFY THE IMAGE

Using your workbook identify these places connected to St. Colmcille.



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



4. _____



WORKSHEET 5: CODE BREAKER

To uncover the Latin words St. Colmcille would have used, solve the maths problems below. Use your answers to find the missing letters in the table.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26

Q1. C _ _ U _ B _

This is the Latin name for Colmcille.

$$20 - 5 =$$

$$6 + 6 =$$

$$7 + 6 =$$

$$3 - 2 =$$

Q2. E _ C L _ _ I A

This is the Latin word for church.

$$12 \div 4 =$$

$$3 + 2 =$$

$$20 - 1 =$$

Q3. L _ _ _ R

This is the Latin word for book.

$$3 \times 3 =$$

$$4 \div 2 =$$

$$7 - 2 =$$

Q4. _ A N C _ _ S


This is the Latin word for saint.

$$15 + 4 =$$

$$10 \times 2 =$$

$$7 \times 3 =$$





WORKSHEET 6: CALLIGRAPHY

Many monks worked in the scriptorium learning calligraphy, can you write your name like a monk?

Name: _____

a B C d e

f G h i j

k L m n l

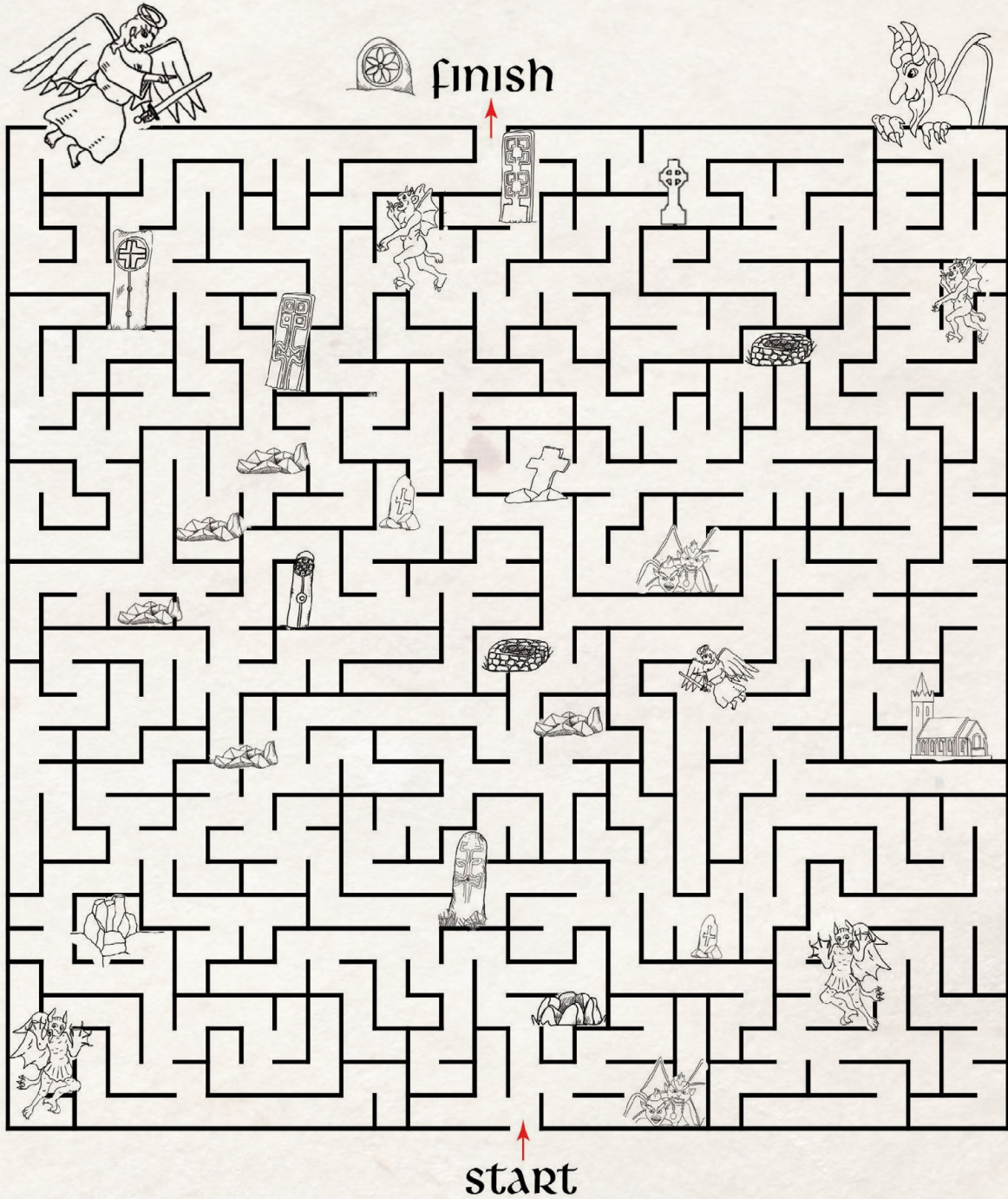
o p q v

w x y z

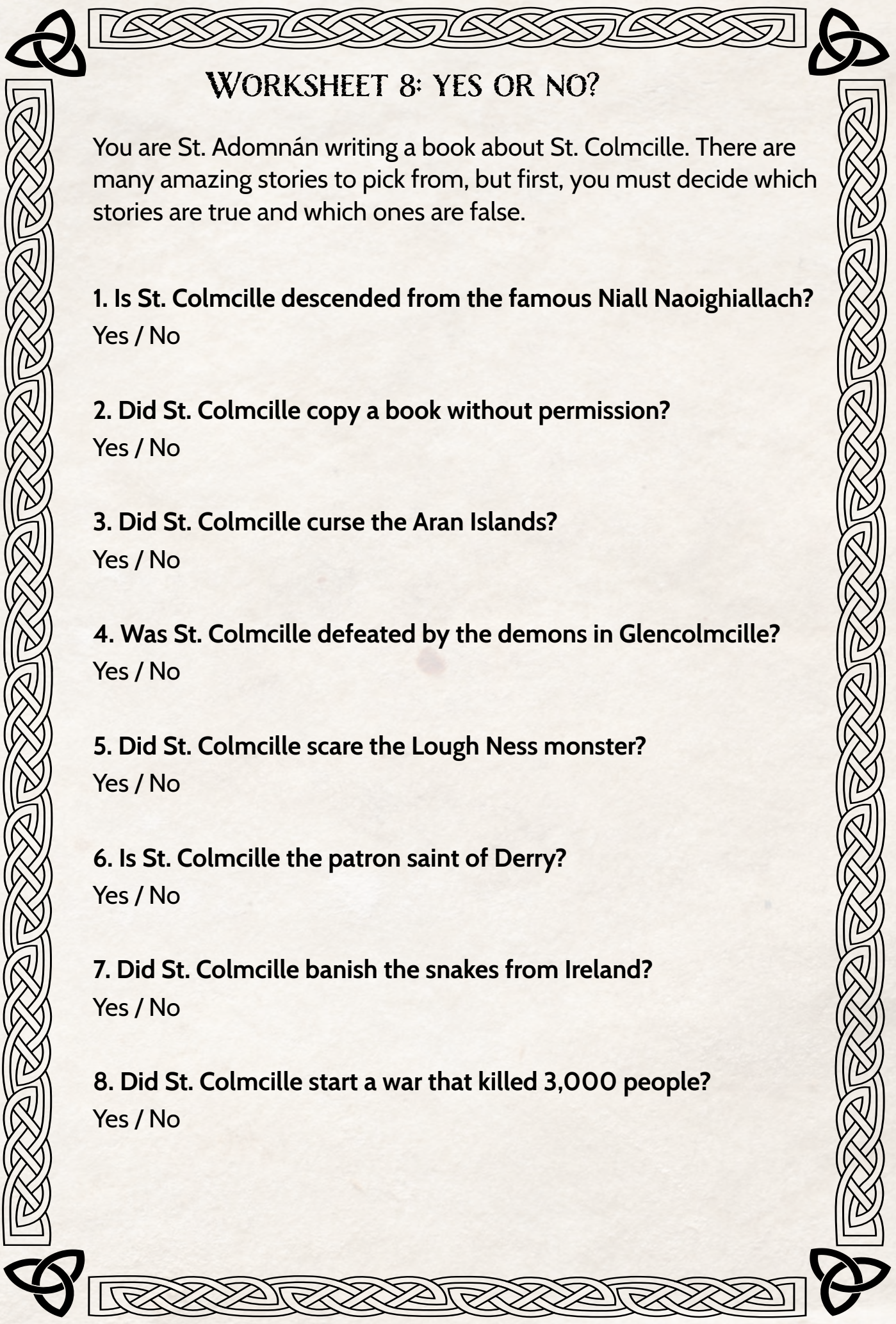


WORKSHEET 7: ST. COLMCILLE'S MAZE

Find your way through St. Colmcille's maze and visit his stations on the way.







WORKSHEET 8: YES OR NO?

You are St. Adomnán writing a book about St. Colmcille. There are many amazing stories to pick from, but first, you must decide which stories are true and which ones are false.

1. Is St. Colmcille descended from the famous Niall Naoighiallach?

Yes / No

2. Did St. Colmcille copy a book without permission?

Yes / No

3. Did St. Colmcille curse the Aran Islands?

Yes / No

4. Was St. Colmcille defeated by the demons in Glencolmcille?

Yes / No

5. Did St. Colmcille scare the Lough Ness monster?

Yes / No

6. Is St. Colmcille the patron saint of Derry?

Yes / No

7. Did St. Colmcille banish the snakes from Ireland?

Yes / No

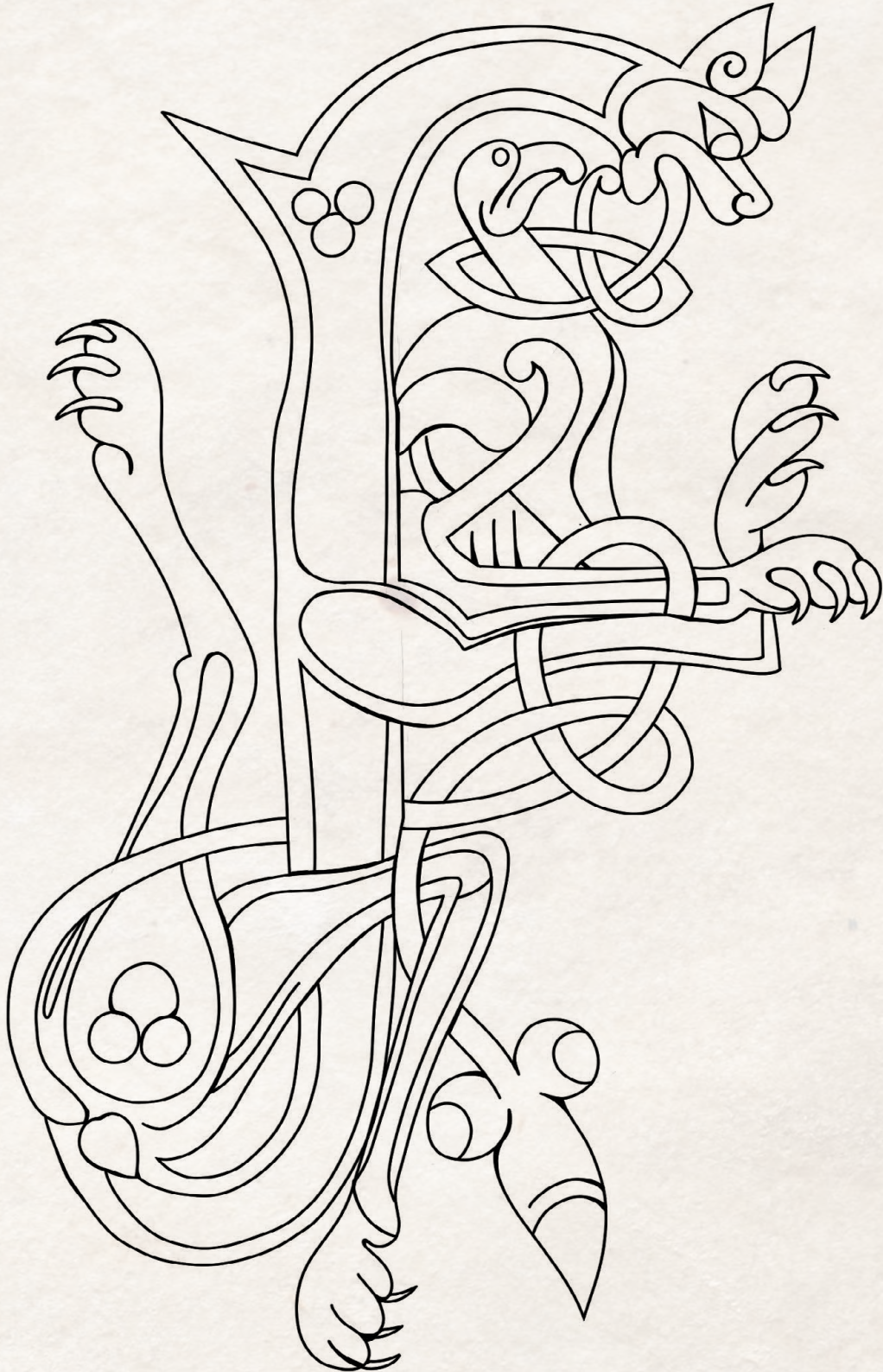
8. Did St. Colmcille start a war that killed 3,000 people?

Yes / No



WORKSHEET 9: MINDFUL COLOURING 1

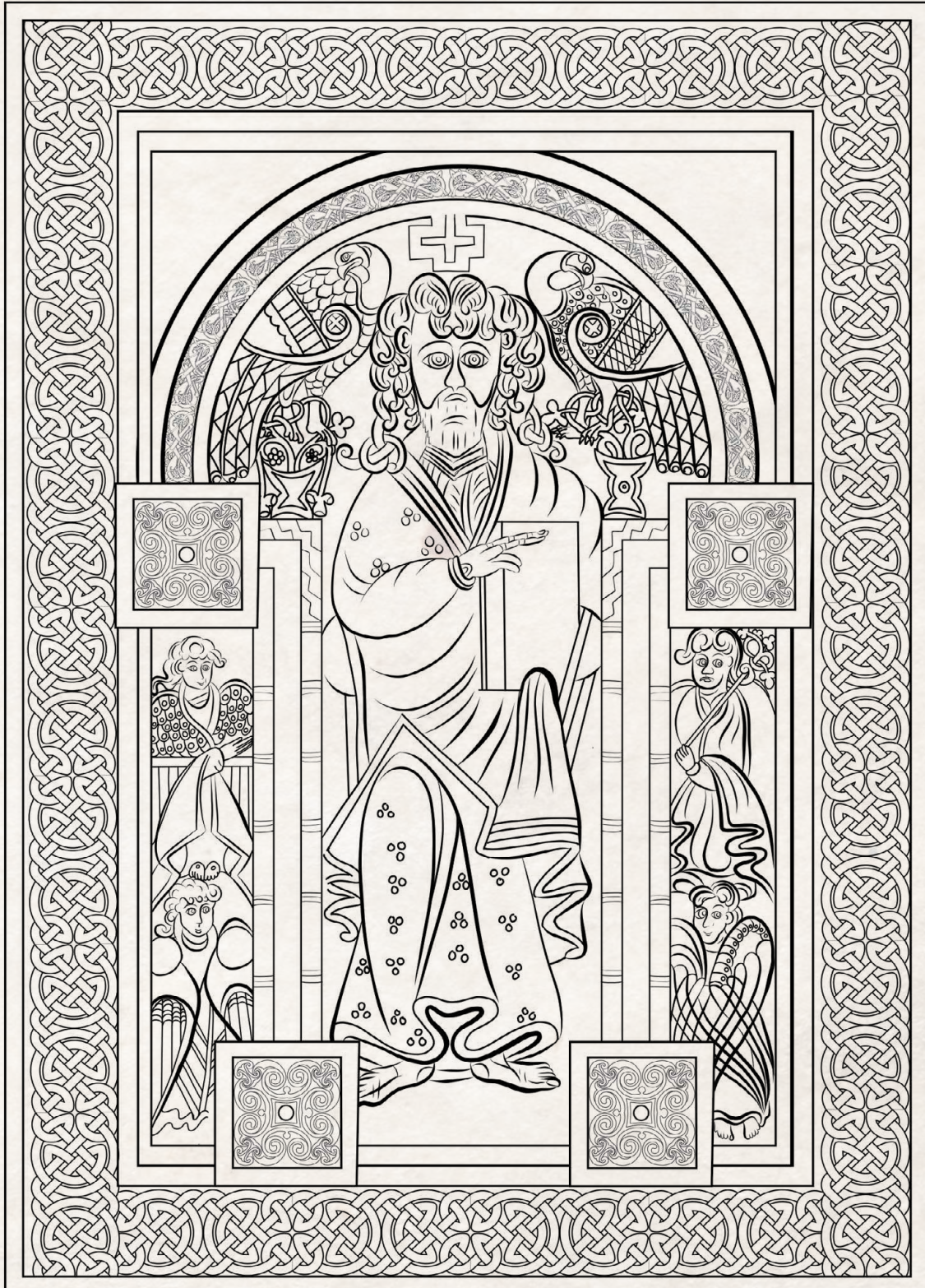
Have a go at colouring in this decorated capital letter from the Book of Kells.

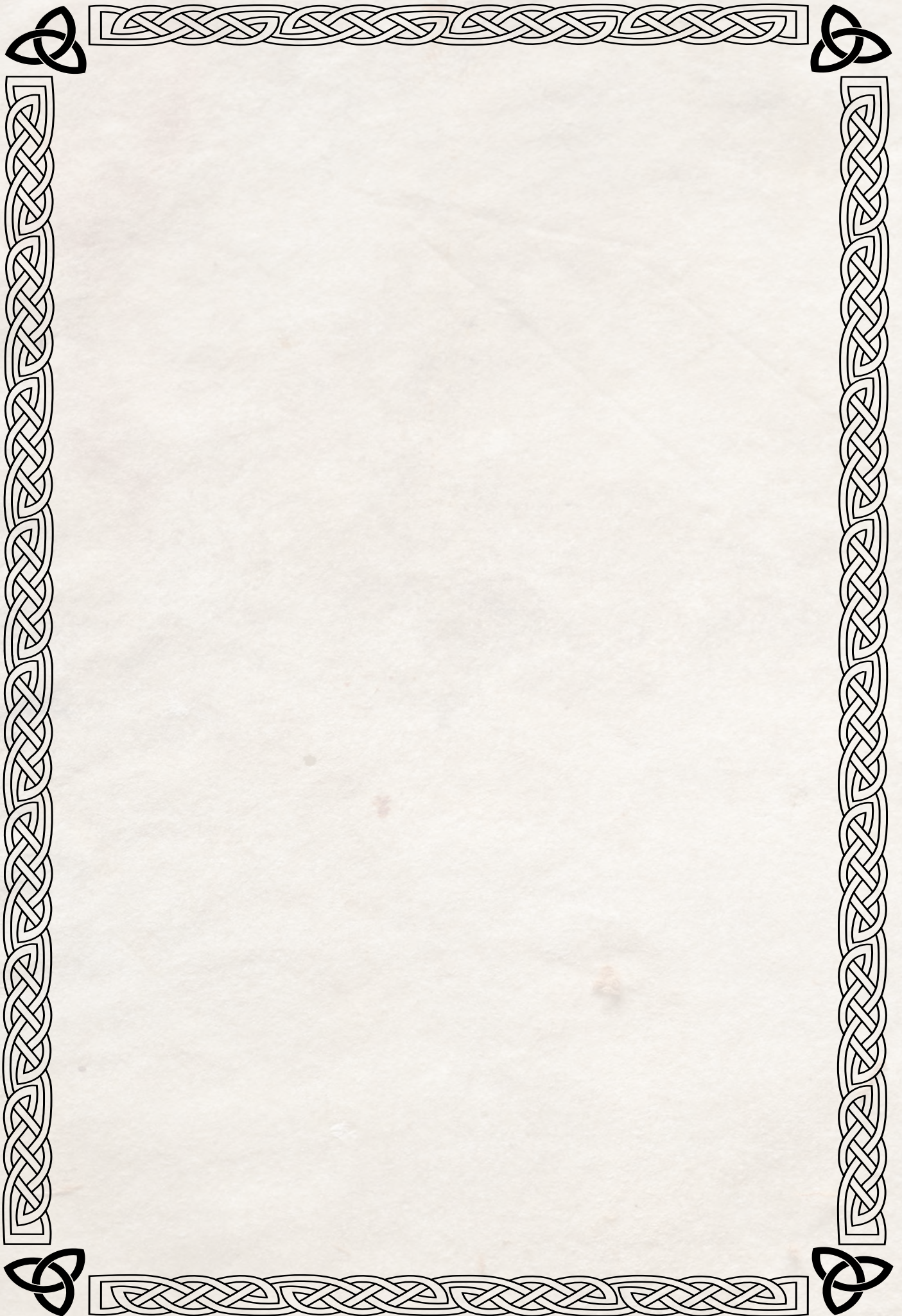




WORKSHEET 10: MINDFUL COLOURING 2

Colour this beautiful page from the Book of Kells. The monks used bright colours made from plants, stones, minerals and even fungus but you can use colouring pencils or markers!





WORKSHEET 11: ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

St. Colmcille built many monasteries all over Ireland and Scotland, so why not make your own? You can use lego, objects from around the house, play dough, Minecraft or anything else. Don't forget to build St. Colmcille's favourite building, the scriptorium!







WORKSHEET 12: WRITE YOUR OWN PROPHECY

Colmcille had the power of prophecy, which meant that he was able to predict the future.

In one of his prophecies, St. Colmcille foretold that the stones from Gory Quarry would go past Fahan Hill in smoke. Over 1,000 years later, steam trains carried stones from Gory Quarry past Fahan Hill en route to Derry, so Colmcille's prediction came true.

Can you come up with your own prophecy? For example: Will cars fly? Will every family have a robot to clean their house? Use the space below to write your prophecy. You can use additional pages if you need to.

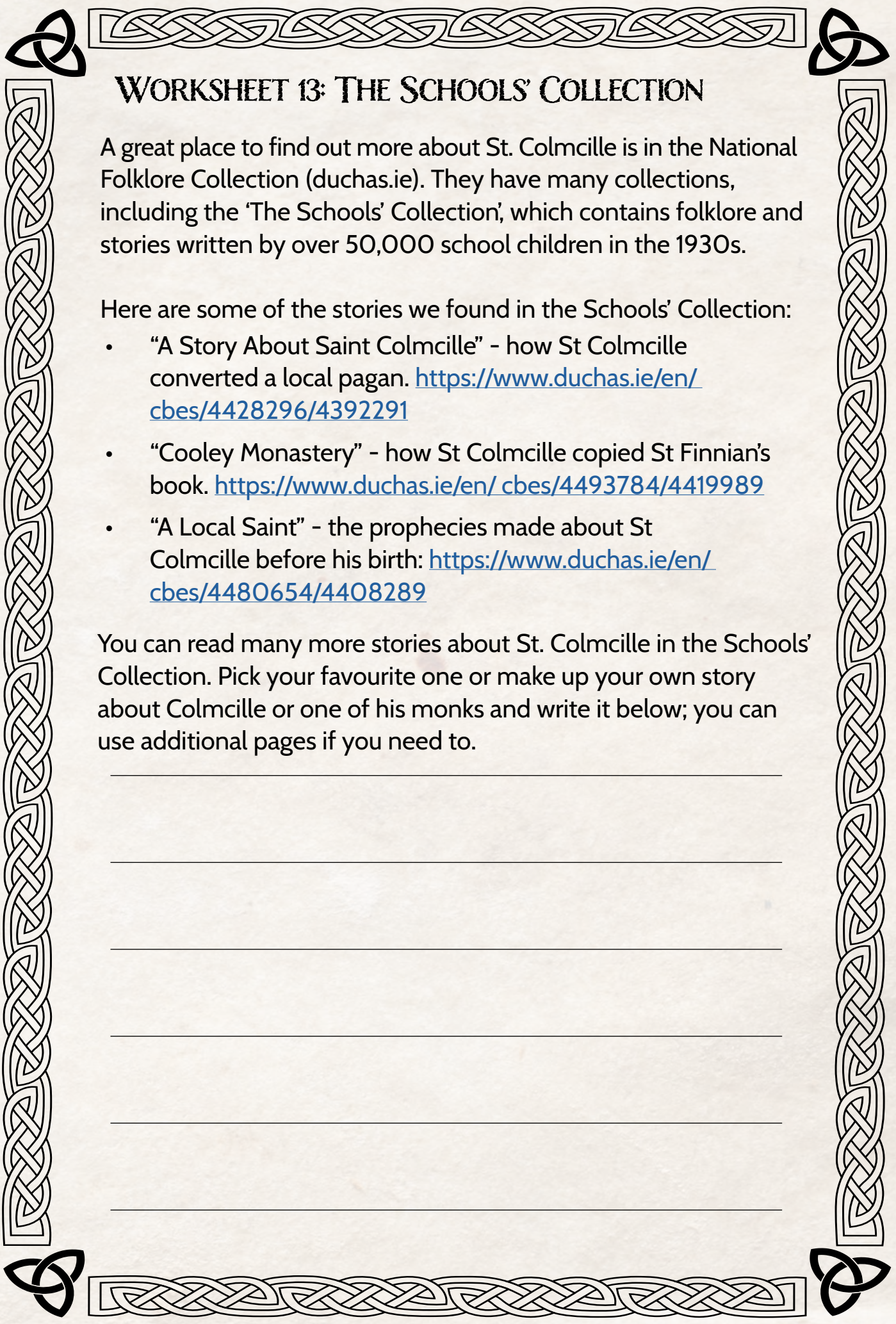
Find out more about Colmcille's prophecies here:

<https://www.duchas.ie/en/cbes/4493765/4417967> and <https://www.duchas.ie/en/cbes/4493765/4417963>

<https://www.duchas.ie/en/cbes/4493754/4416684/4530827>

<https://www.duchas.ie/ga/cbes/4493626/4405479/4514265>





WORKSHEET 13: THE SCHOOLS' COLLECTION

A great place to find out more about St. Colmcille is in the National Folklore Collection (duchas.ie). They have many collections, including the 'The Schools' Collection', which contains folklore and stories written by over 50,000 school children in the 1930s.

Here are some of the stories we found in the Schools' Collection:

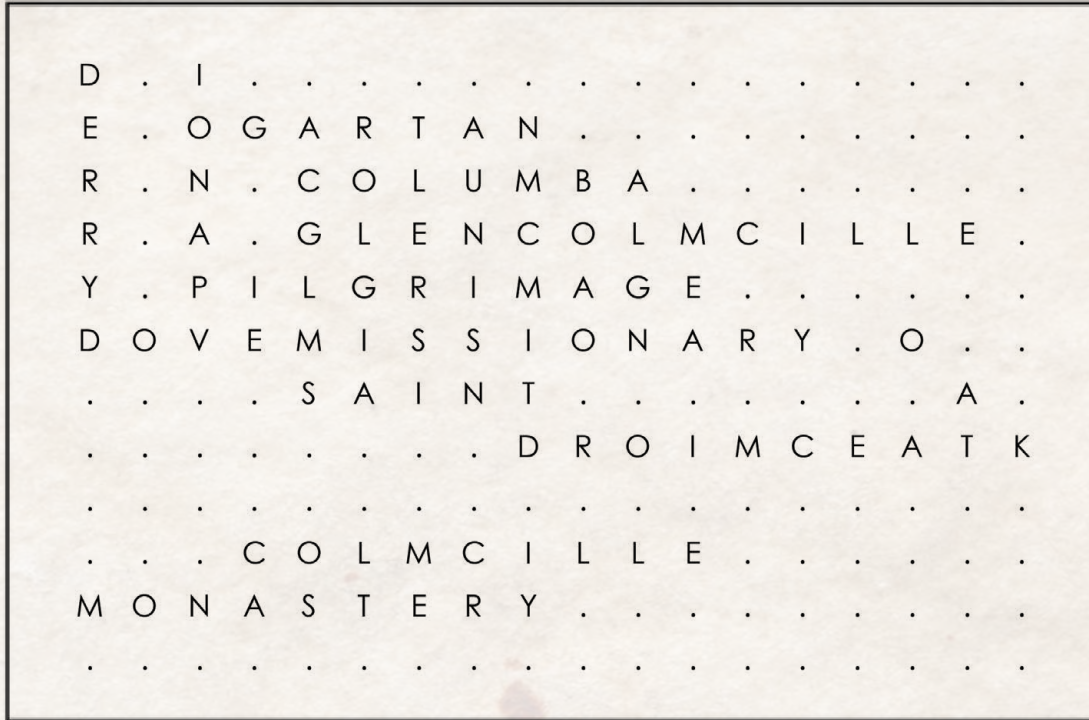
- "A Story About Saint Colmcille" - how St Colmcille converted a local pagan. <https://www.duchas.ie/en/cbes/4428296/4392291>
- "Cooley Monastery" - how St Colmcille copied St Finnian's book. <https://www.duchas.ie/en/cbes/4493784/4419989>
- "A Local Saint" - the prophecies made about St Colmcille before his birth: <https://www.duchas.ie/en/cbes/4480654/4408289>

You can read many more stories about St. Colmcille in the Schools' Collection. Pick your favourite one or make up your own story about Colmcille or one of his monks and write it below; you can use additional pages if you need to.



ANSWERS:

Worksheet 1:



Word directions and start points are formatted: (Direction, X, Y)

COLMCILLE (E,4,10)
COLUMBA (E,5,3)
DERRY (S,1,1)
DOVE (E,1,6)
DROIM CEAT (E,9,8)

GARTAN (E,4,2)
GLENCOLMCILLE (E,5,4)
IONA (S,3,1)
MISSIONARY (E,5,6)
MONASTERY (E,1,11)

OAK (SE,16,6)
PILGRIMAGE (E,3,5)
SAINT (E,5,7)

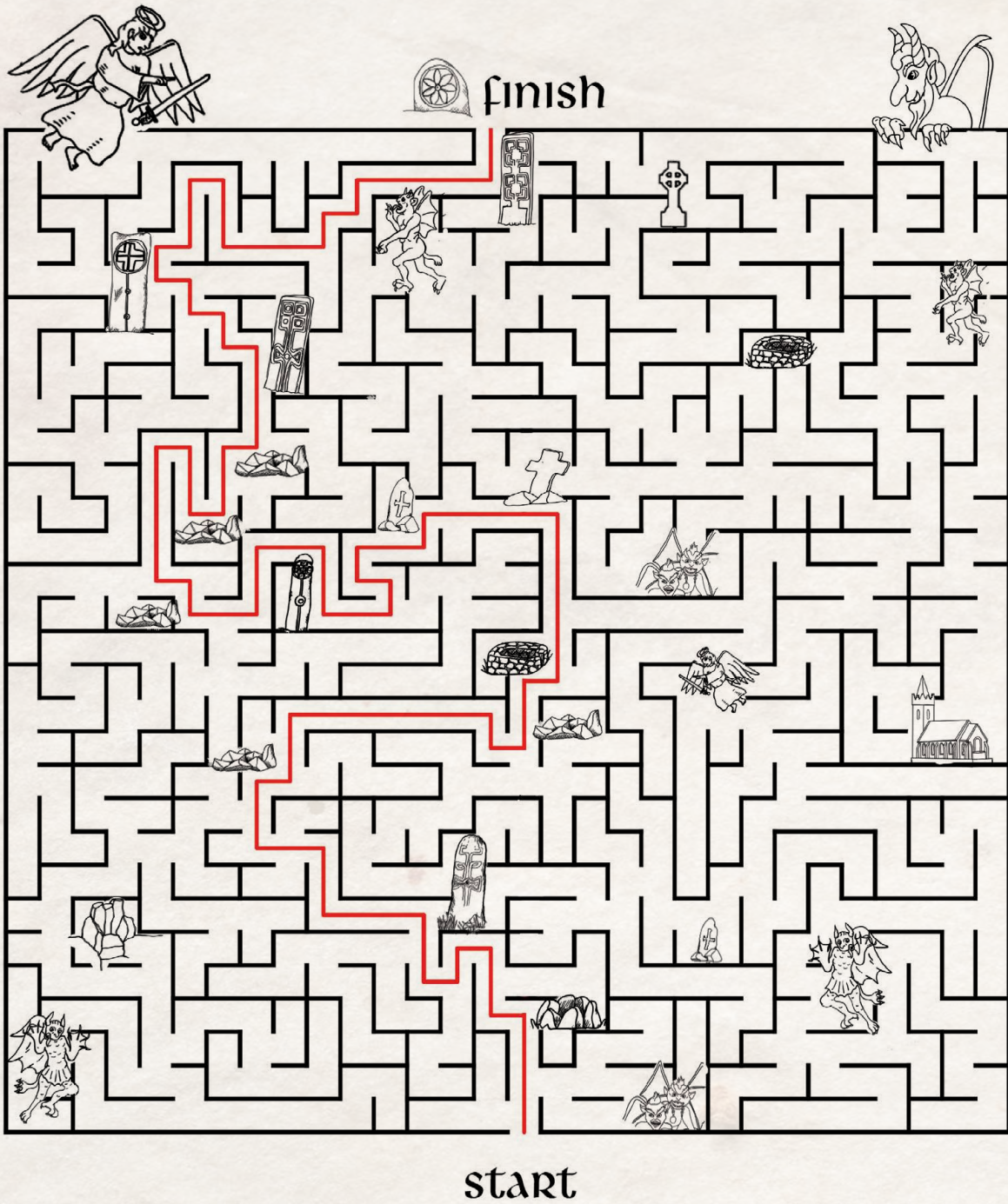
Worksheet 2: Gartan, Temple Douglas, Derry, Glencolmcille, Tory Island, Droim Ceat.

Worksheet 3: Feather quill on desk, writing in book, rope belt, light in wall, brown pattern on feather quill in Colmcille's hand, chain on cross, bell, red curtain, writing under illuminated letters in book on stand.

Worksheet 4: Lacknaco, St. Colmcille's grave, St. Columb's Cathedral Derry, Doon well.

Worksheet 5: Columba, Ecclesia, Liber, Sanctus

Worksheet 7:



Worksheet 8: 1. yes 2. yes 3. yes, 4. no 5. yes, 6. yes, 7. no, 8. yes.



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