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Patrick's time spent in Ireland allowed him to learn about Irish culture and language. Because he was fluent in Irish, he was able to reach members of the Celtic community who could not understand other missionaries. His knowledge of Irish culture allowed him to adapt Christian religious practices to better fit with Irish culture and their old Druidic religion. For example, Patrick knew the Irish worshipped their gods with fire, so he added bonfires to the Easter ritual.