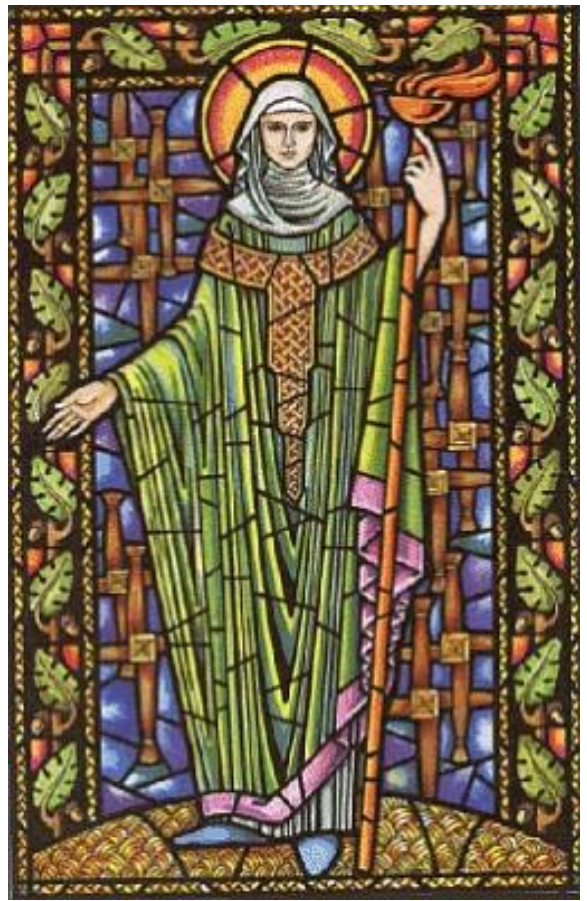
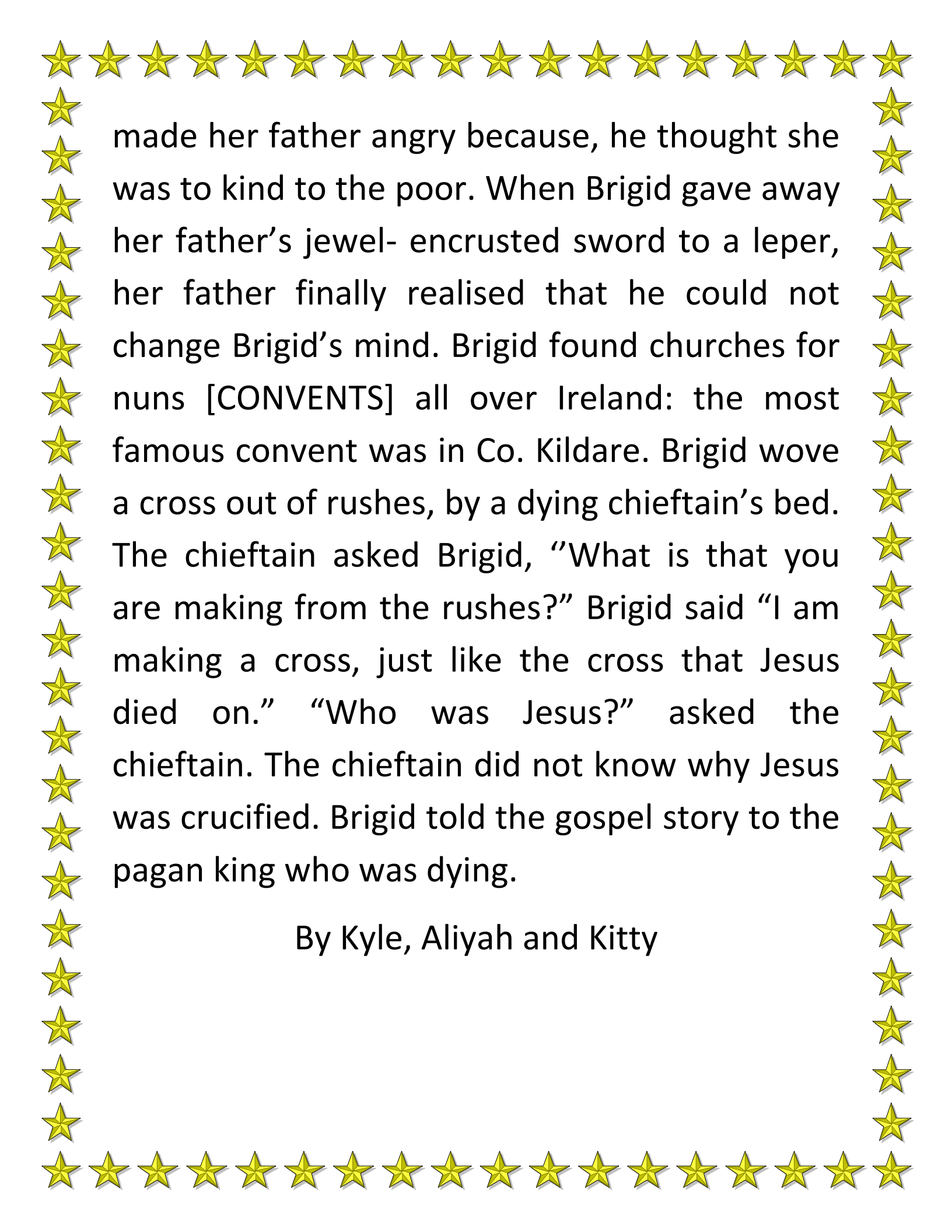


Saint Brigid

Saint Brigid was born in Faughart in 450 AD. Faughart is near Dundalk in Co. Louth. While Brigid was growing up she worked on her father's farm. Saint Brigid lived in the same time as Saint Patrick. She really admired his work. When she was eighteen her father decided she should get married, but she had other plans for her life. She wanted to devote her life, to helping the poor, the senior citizens and the sick. People say that she hoped her beauty would be taken away so nobody would want to marry her. Brigid's kindness





made her father angry because, he thought she was too kind to the poor. When Brigid gave away her father's jewel-encrusted sword to a leper, her father finally realised that he could not change Brigid's mind. Brigid found churches for nuns [CONVENTS] all over Ireland: the most famous convent was in Co. Kildare. Brigid wove a cross out of rushes, by a dying chieftain's bed. The chieftain asked Brigid, "What is that you are making from the rushes?" Brigid said "I am making a cross, just like the cross that Jesus died on." "Who was Jesus?" asked the chieftain. The chieftain did not know why Jesus was crucified. Brigid told the gospel story to the pagan king who was dying.

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