



St Brigid!





St Brigid facts!

- Brigid of Ireland (also known as Brigid of Kildare), was one of those saints who was known for her great holiness. She is the patron saint of babies, children whose parents weren't married, midwives, nuns, poets, scholars, and travelers.
- Her feast day is the 1st February, which is also the Celtic day of spring, known as Imbolc.

St Brigid's Cross!

The St. Brigid's Cross design was traditionally made from woven rushes. The cross was placed over doorways and windows and was thought to protect the homes from evil, fire and hunger.

A new cross is made every year. It replaces the old cross which is then burnt.



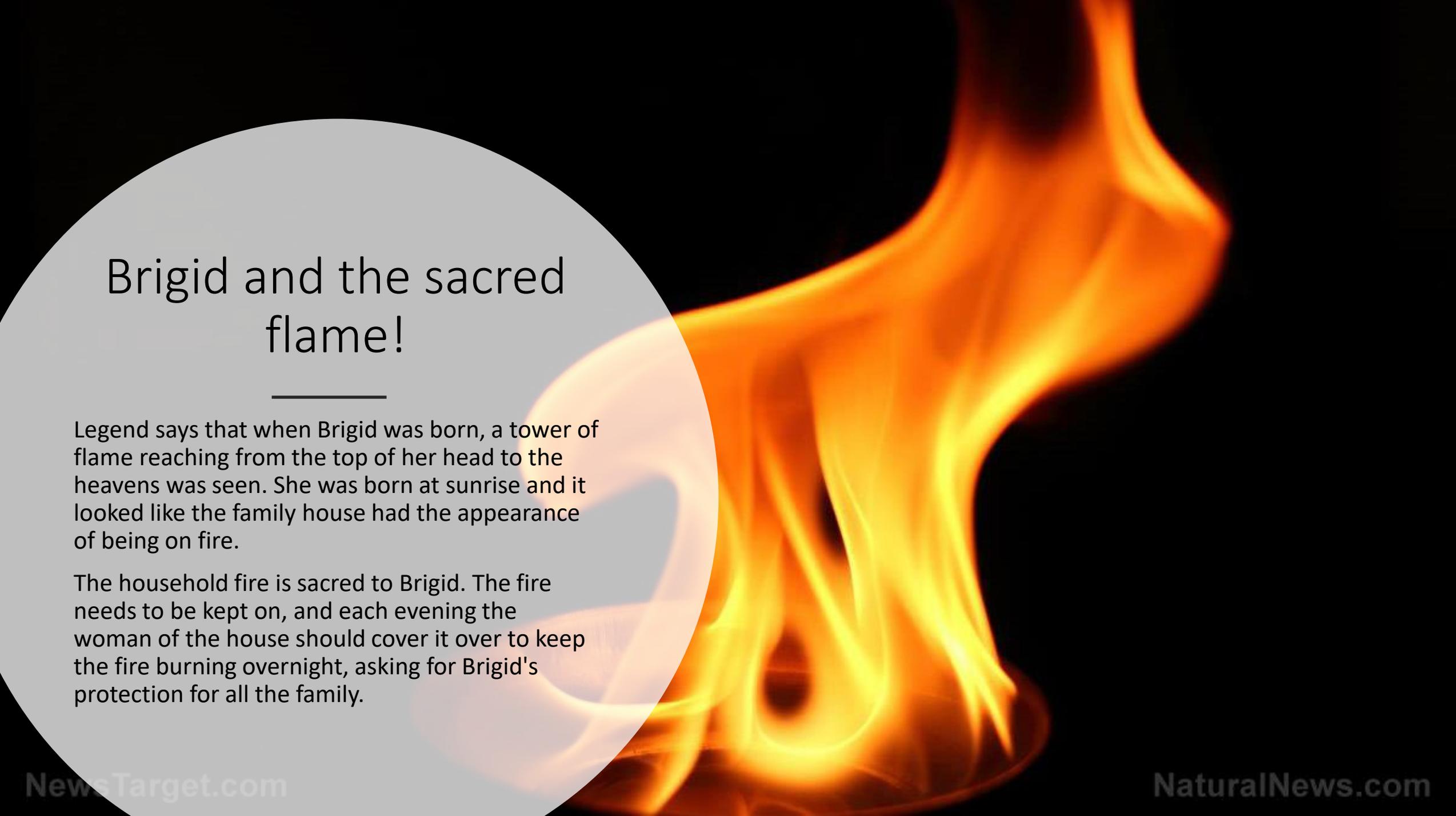


St Brigid myths and legends!

Brigid asked the King of Leinster for some land to build her monastery in Kildare. It was near a lake where water was available, in a forest where there was firewood and near good soil to grow crops.

The king refused. Brigid prayed that he would change his mind and asked again, this time saying, "Give me as much land as my cloak will cover."

Seeing her small cloak, he laughed but granted her request. Brigid told her four helpers each to take a corner of the cloak and walk towards north, south, east and west. As they did this the cloak spread across many acres. Everyone was amazed!



Brigid and the sacred flame!

Legend says that when Brigid was born, a tower of flame reaching from the top of her head to the heavens was seen. She was born at sunrise and it looked like the family house had the appearance of being on fire.

The household fire is sacred to Brigid. The fire needs to be kept on, and each evening the woman of the house should cover it over to keep the fire burning overnight, asking for Brigid's protection for all the family.