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## Bright Ideas Press E-Zine - March 2010 Edition

### Dear Friend,

Well, February turned out much snowier than I anticipated. Fortunately, Helen and I got moved into our new house right before the first blizzard hit. (In fact, right as the last moving helper drove away, the first snowflakes started to fall — God is good!) I love snow anyway, but being snowed in was especially nice as we had all the time in the world to unpack. Plus, with no Internet connection for a few weeks, we both got to read some of the books that have been sitting around for months, patiently calling our names. (We may have to make “Internet fasting” a regular practice — hmmm...)

I hope you had as lovely a February as we did. The whole Hogan Clan is glad to see spring coming. Plus, we’re looking forward to all the coming celebrations. What celebrations? I’m glad you asked. The month of March is full of fun and interesting holidays and memorials. In fact, I made a list:

### Things to Celebrate This Month

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For those of you with math, science, or cooking buffs in the house: Did you know that **March 14th is ? Day?** (Get it, 3.14?) Now might be a good time to have a research day. Find out: What exactly is ?? Who discovered it, when, and how? Who uses ?, and for what? Perhaps you might want to bake an Apple ? and measure its area. ✍ Also, check out your coupon book this month for 3.14% off your order and FREE SHIPPING! See coupons below or [download here](#).

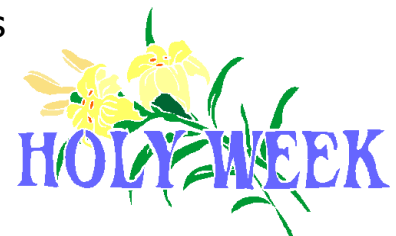
If you’re like us, you’ve been missing the sun these past few weeks. Thankfully, Sunday, **March 14th**, is also when **Daylight Savings Time** begins. Mark your calendars to “*Spring Forward*” and

add an extra hour of brightness to your life (while you're eating your Apple ?!). If you have time, find out who came up with Daylight Savings Time, when, and why. Which parts of the world observe DST, and which parts don't?

Also this month: **Saint Patrick's Day on March 17th**. If you haven't heard the story of Saint Patrick's mission to Ireland, you're missing out! Saint Patrick was a truly incredible man whom God used mightily. There are plenty of good books and even audio dramatizations about him that are well worth your time. Hopefully, they'll tell you why so many folks are wearing green and eating corned beef and cabbage! Believe it or not, it has nothing to do with leprechauns.

Some of us (read: Maggie and Helen) are a bit tired of snow. We got hit with nearly five feet of it this winter — highly unusual for Delaware! So you are invited to join hands with us and sing Psalms of joy on **March 20th, the First Day of Spring**. (Don't think about spring cleaning yet — just focus on warmer weather.) Also, check your booklet for details about our Spring Sale.

And of course, the **28th** of this month marks the beginning of **Holy Week** — Palm Sunday, Passover, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday. These days are set aside to remember Christ's last days, his crucifixion, and his resurrection. Make a point to read through the appropriate chapters in the Gospel of your choice this week, and also read about the first Passover in Exodus 12–13. You might also want to skip ahead in *The Mystery of History*, Volume I, and read about the events of that week. (And if you don't have it, you're in luck because MOH I is on sale during Passover!)



Our favorite holiday in March probably isn't on your calendar. **March 6th is Maggie Hogan's Birthday!** (We won't tell you how old she is — but NO, she DID NOT know Moses personally. Quit asking.) In honor of her birthday, we're holding a special Maggie Sale — check your coupon book for details. And feel free to send her a note — she would love to hear from you!

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## **Saint Patrick's Day Contest!**



This month's contest is for your budding artist. We're looking for original artwork depicting a scene from the life of Saint Patrick. The winners will have their artwork displayed on the Bright Ideas Press website, and get a coupon for 15% off an item of their choice.

Details:

We'll divide the artwork into three age groups for judging: Early Learners–2nd Grade, 3rd–8th Grade, and High School. We want digital submissions only — please don't send us your originals! JPEG or PDF format preferred; 8.5 x 11 inches maximum size. Contest deadline is March 31st. E-mail your scanned images to [Tyler@BrightIdeasPress.com](mailto:Tyler@BrightIdeasPress.com).

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I hope you've enjoyed reading this edition of the BIP E-Zine. If there's something you'd like to see in future editions of the E-Zine, drop us a line and tell us! We love hearing from you all. Thanks for making the BIP community such a great place. Don't forget to check the BIP blog and website regularly! Blessings,

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