



## HOW DID SAINT VALENTINE'S DAY BEGIN?

*With lots of love  
in every line  
To my very special  
Valentine!  
With Love*

1. There are many different stories about the origin of Saint Valentine's Day.

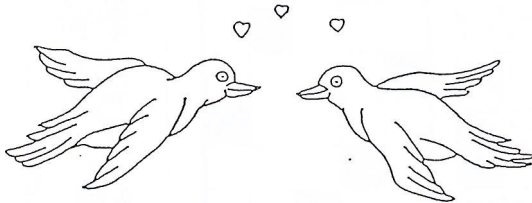
2. Valentine was a priest in Rome a long time ago. He was a very good priest and many people liked him.



3. Claudius, the Roman emperor, did not want young men to get married. Claudius wanted men to go to war. He said no one could get married without his permission.

4. Young couples wanted to get married. Valentine married them in secret. When Claudius found out, he put Valentine into prison. Claudius killed Valentine on February 14.

5. Two hundred years later, the church made February 14 a special day to remember Saint Valentine. Valentine became the patron saint of lovers.



6. A different story is that February 14 is the day that birds choose their mates, so people also choose the ones they will love on that day.

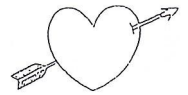


### You're My Valentine

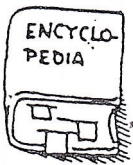
I like tigers, I like cats,  
But you're my valentine.  
I like zebras, I like bats,  
But you're my valentine.

I like crocodiles, I like frogs,  
I like dinosaurs, I like dogs.  
I like butterflies, I like bees,  
But you're my valentine.  
(yeah, yeah, yeah)

I like butterflies, I like bees,  
But you're my valentine.



*Valentine, my heart  
is yours  
And always will be, too.  
Because you're very special-  
And I think  
the world of you!*


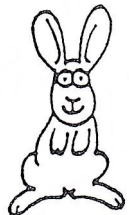
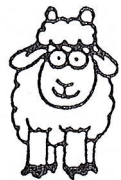


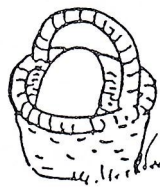


### Cultural note on Easter

In Britain and the U.S., Easter is associated with eggs, lambs, daffodils and rabbits (bunnies). People give each other cards decorated with these Easter symbols and chocolate eggs or chocolate rabbits. Children often have an Easter egg 'treasure hunt'. Parents hide Easter eggs around the house and garden and children have a race to find as many eggs as they can. A traditional Easter food in Britain is a 'hot cross bun', this is like a sweet bread roll with a cross on top of it which reminds us of the death of Jesus on the cross.

In the U.S. children believe that eggs are brought by the Easter bunny. In Washington, D.C., children gather outside the White House for an Easter Egg Roll. They have to roll hard-boiled eggs down a slope and the first egg to reach the bottom without breaking is the winner. Easter is also a time when people like to put on new clothes and there are special Easter parades in Britain and the U.S. where people show off their new Easter bonnets (hats).

### USEFUL VOCABULARY: Easter

daffodil 	rabbit (bunny) 	lamb 	Easter egg 	chick 	basket 
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