

Magical Mistletoe

Mistletoe was considered by the Druids to be one of the most sacred plants. It was a special plant for the Yule time holiday. Mistletoe was considered so special that Druid priests and priestesses would wear only white robes while collecting the plants. When they cut the plants they would use a golden knife and never let the plants touch the ground. They also believed that mistletoe that grew on oak trees to be the most potent.

The Celts believed that mistletoe was magic and linked with the supernatural. They used mistletoe for healing, beautiful dreams and protection. The Celts also believed that mistletoe would protect a child from being stolen and that it would protect against werewolves. It was their tradition to hang mistletoe at Yule time and for those who met under the mistletoe to exchange a kiss of peace.

In modern times we know that mistletoe is a very poisonous plant. It is safe to hang mistletoe in your house but not to eat any part of it.

Can you color and cut out the picture of the mistletoe? If you hold it above your head will someone kiss you?

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