

55. MONEY

Welcome song

K: Welcome to our fun learning radio broadcast with Kiki and Mr. Suits! This program was created in collaboration with Azyzah Educational and Interactive Theatre.

S: Nice to meet you friends!

K: Our question today is from Filip who is 11 years old from Az in the Czech Republic.

S: Hi Kiki and Mr. Suits, could you tell us about money?

K: Yes! Ready to learn about money?

S: Let's go!

Theme

S: Money, money, money, must be funny! Kiki, I'm confused. How does money work?

K: Well, we need money to buy food, clothes, toys, games.

S: I know THAT. But why are there different kinds? Like: coins, banknotes?

K: We use metal coins to buy small, cheap things . candy, ice cream.

S: Chips?

K: Yeah, chips too. And we use banknotes, that is paper money, to buy expensive things. Clothes, toys, phones.

S: Right. But why don't we always use coins? I have 1000 Czech crowns in coins in my piggybank. I'm rich!

K: Pick up your piggybank.

S: Argh! Kiki, that is super heavy.

K: See? Now imagine having that in your wallet.

S: Phew, no way! So, banknotes are useful.

K: And pretty. With pictures of famous people like scientists, artists, kings, queens!

S: Yes! There is a picture of Queen Elizabeth II. on the Canadian 20-dollar bill.

K: And the Czech 100-crown bill has a picture of King Charles IV.

S: He built the Charles Bridge, right? He was super rich.

K: Yeah. But he did help the poor a lot.

S: He was a good guy. Thanks, Kiki, I think I get it now.

K: You're welcome. But still

S+K: Money, money, money, must be funny, in the rich men's world.

Story

S: Woo-hoo! It's story time

K: Today's story is about wishes and greed.

Once upon a time, in Ireland, there lived a man and his wife. They were very poor. One day, they were working in the garden.

(S)MAN: Oh, no, wife, this is our last carrot.

(K)WIFE: Pull it out and let's eat it, I'm so hungry.

K: But when they pulled the carrot out

(S)MAN: Huh? What is it?

K: A little man, no bigger than a thumb, was holding on to the carrot with his tiny hands.

(K)WIFE: Let's eat it too.

(S)LEP: Please, don't eat me! I am a leprechaun. A magical creature. I will grant you a wish!

(K)WIFE: I wish for lots and lots of food!

(S)MAN: Wait, wife! We can ask for anything. I wish for a big house!

(K)WIFE: With lots of servants.

(S)MAN: And beautiful clothes.

K: They argued and could not decide on a single wish. The leprechaun said...

(S)LEP: I will give you a bottomless pot of gold. You can buy whatever you want.

(K)WIFE: Oh, yes, yes, yes!

(S)LEP: You will find it at the end of the rainbow.

(K)WIFE: Let's go, husband!

K: The man and his wife ran to find the end of the rainbow. Blinded by greed, they are chasing it to this day.

THE END

Goodbye song