

45. TREES

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 Adélka who is 8 years old from Hoovice in the Czech Republic.

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

K: Yes! Ready to learn about trees?

S: Let's go!

Theme

S: Kiki, you know what?

K: What, Mr. Suits?

S: My favorite color is green. It makes me feel like breathing. Breathe in. Breathe out.

K: Well, guess what. Without trees we actually could not breathe.

S: What? No way.

K: Trees make the oxygen we breathe, help the climate, and give food to humans and animals.

S: Trees are like magic! - Kiki, why are some of them called evergreens? Are they always green?

K: Yes. And their leaves are often shaped like little needles.

S: Right. Such as pines and firs. They make beautiful Christmas trees!

K: Other trees do change color in the autumn. green to yellow to orange to red

S: You know, Kiki, there is a red maple leaf on the Canadian flag.

K: Mm, I love Canadian maple syrup! Yum, yum, yum.

S: It is not just for syrup, Kiki. - More than 80 different kinds of maples grow in Canada!

K: That's a lot of maple leaves. - You know, the linden is the national tree of the Czech Republic.

S: Cool.

K: Its leaves are shaped like hearts. So cute. And in the spring, the blossoms smell so sweet.

S: Let's go to the forest and check out what trees grow there.

K: Let's go hug a tree!

Story

S: Woo-hoo! It's story time!

K: Today's story is about friends getting together to help a tree. One day, a little girl was playing under a tree. Suddenly, she heard someone crying.

GIRL(K): Hello, is anyone there?

K: There was no response, but the crying continued. A little rabbit ran by.

GIRL(K): Hello, rabbit, can you hear the crying?

RABBIT(S): Yes, I can.

K: A bird was sitting in the tree. The wind rustled the leaves.

BIRD(S): It's this tree you hear crying. A woodcutter is coming to cut it down.

GIRL(K): Oh, no! Where will I play?

RABBIT(S): Where will I hide from foxes?

BIRD(S): Where will I build my nest?

K: The woodcutter appeared, carrying a big axe. He swung the axe to cut the tree down. But then!

K: The bird flew at him. The woodcutter dropped his axe! As he tried to pick it up, the rabbit bit his finger!

WOOD(S): Ouch!

GIRL(K): Please, don't cut down the tree. We need it. I play in its shadow, the rabbit hides under it, and the bird builds its nest there.

GIRL(K): Can you hear the tree crying? It does not want to die.

WOOD(S): But I need wood for my cooking fire.

GIRL(K): There are dead trees in the forest. We will help you find wood.

K: Together, they found enough wood for the man's fire. Afterwards, they all rested happily in the shade of the tree they saved.

THE END

Goodbye song