

56. A WALK THROUGH PRAGUE

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 Noah who is 8 years old from Ottawa in Canada.

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

K: Yes! Ready to learn about Prague?

S: Let's go!

Theme

S: Kiki, I am so excited to see Prague. The capital city of the Czech Republic, so cool.

K: Let's go!

S: Whoa, Kiki, where are we? Look up. What is that - a clock? A calendar? Or a puppet show?

K: That is the famous astronomical clock. We are in the Old Town Square. You know, the astronomical clock is over 600 years old.

S: Wow, that is a lot of ding, dong, ding, dong!

K: Yes. Come on. Like London, Prague has a famous bridge too. Tada! Charles Bridge!

S: So many beautiful statues. And there are artists everywhere.

K: Maybe they could paint us!

S: We look so good. Kiki, are we in a fairy tale?

K: No, this is Prague Castle. The largest castle in the world.

S: Cool! It is huge. Does a princess live here?

K: Haha, no. But long ago Czech kings lived here. Now it is the seat of the Czech president.

S: How old is Prague Castle?

K: The oldest part is over 1000 years old.

S: What? Crazy. Prague is amazing.

K: Oh, there is much more!

S: Another square? So many shops and people.

K: This is Wenceslas Square, named after St. Wenceslas.

S: Wait, Kiki. Wenceslas is that? How does that song go?

K: Good King Wenceslas looked out. Yup, that's him. Do you see the statue up there?

S: That's him? Nice, Kiki! . All this history made me feel, you know, really hungry.

K: Me too. Let's eat some trdelník!

Story

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

K: Today's story is about the founding of Prague.

Long ago, Czech people were ruled by Princess Libuše. She was very wise and could see the future. One day, Libuše was on a high hill above the Vltava river. She said:

(S)LIB: In our future I see a great city. Its fame will reach the stars!

K: People were excited. The princess's visions always came true. They asked:

(K)PEOPLE: Princess, where will we build this city?

(S)LIB: Follow the river... Up on a hill there is a forest. There you will find a man. He will be making a threshold. Build the city there!

K: The people did as the princess said. In the forest above the river they saw a man.

(K)PEOPLE: What are you doing?

(S)MAN: I am making a threshold for my house.

K: The people were amazed.

(S+K)PEOPLE: Hooray, let's build our great city!

K: They built a beautiful city and named it Praha, after the Czech word for threshold.

THE END

Goodbye song