

46. SPRING IS COMING

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 Hope who is 10 years old from Brighton in Canada.

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

K: Yes! Ready to learn about Spring?

S: Let's go!

Theme

K: Mr. Suits, smell the air, smell it!

S: Kiki, what are you talking about?

K: Just take a deep breath!

S: Ok, fine. Wow, Kiki, the air smells so nice!

K: Because Spring is coming!

S: Come on, Kiki, you can't smell a season.

K: Sure I can! I smell... wet ground from the melted snow, and fresh green grass.

S: Ok, ok, let me try! I smell... something sweet. Flowers?

K: Look, there's a patch of white snowdrops over there!

S: Oh, so pretty. And I like daffodils, yellow like the sun. – Kiki, I think I can hear Spring, too.

K: Really?

S: Yes, really. Listen. I hear... birds singing. It's coming from that tree! A blackbird. - What a rockstar!

K: I think he's having a singing contest with the flock of swallows over there!

S: Haha, yes. It's actually kind of loud. Can you hear anything else?

K: I can hear... buzzing. A bumblebee!

S: Kiki, I'm hot. This winter coat is too warm.

K: Well, don't take it off just yet. It's starting to snow again.

S: Oh, no! Crazy spring weather.

K: Let's go home!

S: Friends, can you smell Spring too? Or do you have other ways to tell if it's coming? Let us know!

Story

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

K: Today's story is about the coming of Spring.

Long ago, in Greece, lived Demeter, the goddess of earth and plants. She had a beautiful daughter, Persephone. One day, Hades, the dark ruler of the underworld, came to see Demeter.

(K)HADES: I want to marry your daughter.

(S)DEM: No. Go away.

K: Later, Persephone was picking flowers in a meadow. Suddenly, Hades appeared in his black chariot. He took her with him to the underworld.

(S)DEM: Where is my daughter? Did Hades take her? I must have her back!

K: She asked the other gods for help, but they refused. Then, Demeter had an idea.

(S)DEM: I have power over flowers and trees. If my daughter does not come back, nothing will grow. Everything will die.

K: The gods told Hades to let Persephone return to her mother. But he tricked her...

(K)HADES: My dear, you must be hungry. Eat something before you go. Hahaaaa! Now you are mine!

(S)DEM: Hades, you have shown your power. But I will have my daughter, or everything in the world will die!

(K)HADES: Let's make a deal. Persephone will stay with you. BUT she will come back to me for several months every year.

(S)DEM: Alright.

K: This is why, for most of the year, nature is lush and green. But in winter, Persephone is away. Demeter is sad and nothing grows until her daughter returns in the spring.

THE END

Goodbye song