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The Leprechaun Court Kit

Hold your own tiny trial. For ages 7–10, at home or in the classroom.



- ★ An official court summons
- ★ 6 courtroom role cards
- ★ The Case of the Three Gold Coins: case file
- ★ “Is finders keepers fair?” debate sheet
- ★ Big courtroom words: match-up
- ★ The Honest Hero Award
- ★ How to run a 30-minute mock trial

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THE WEE COURT · OFFICIAL BUSINESS

You Have Been Summoned!

By order of the Honorable Judge (who is a snail, and will take his time),
the person named below must appear in court.

Name: _____

Role in court: _____

Date & time: _____

Place (very small): _____

Please arrive on time, tell the truth,
and do not step on the Bailiff.

Court... will... now... begin.

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Courtroom Role Cards

Cut out the cards and hand one to each player. Big group? Everyone else is the jury.



The Judge

"Order… in… the… court."

You are in charge. You listen to both sides, decide if an objection is "sustained" or "overruled," and announce the verdict. Speak very, very slowly.



The Bailiff

"All rise!"

You keep order. Call each witness, make sure everyone takes turns, and say "All rise!" when the Judge arrives. A bottle-cap helmet is optional.



Lawyer for the Leprechaun

"Those coins are my client's!"

Prove the gold belongs to the leprechaun. Use the clues in the case file. You may say "Objection!" if the other side is being unfair.



Lawyer for the Finder

"Finders keepers!"

Prove the person who dug up the gold should keep it. Use the clues in the case file. You may also say "Objection!"



The Witness

"I saw the whole thing."

You saw something important. Make up what you saw before court starts, then answer the lawyers' questions. Remember: in this court, lies turn your ears green!



The Jury

"We have reached a verdict."

Listen carefully to both sides. At the end, talk it over together, vote, and tell the Judge what you decided and why.

Case File #001

The Case of the Three Gold Coins

The facts: Three old gold coins were dug up under a magnolia tree in a backyard. The person who found them wants to keep them. A leprechaun says the coins are his and that he buried them there long ago. Who should get the gold?

Evidence to look at (tick each one when it is discussed):

- [ ] Where exactly were the coins found, and whose yard is it?
- [ ] How old do the coins look? Is there writing or a picture on them?
- [ ] Did anyone see the coins being buried?
- [ ] Is there a map, a note, or a footprint near the tree?
- [ ] What would the finder do with the gold? Does that matter?

What do you think really happened?

One question I would ask the witness:

Is “Finders Keepers” Fair?

Write the best reasons on each side. Then decide what you really think.

👍 Yes, it’s fair

👎 No, it’s not fair

My verdict: I think finders keepers is _____ because

Big Courtroom Words

Draw a line from each word to what it means.

Defendant	“I disagree! That isn’t fair!” (said by a lawyer)
Evidence	The person or side who has to answer the case
Objection!	The judge says no to an objection
Overruled	Facts and clues that help prove what happened
Sustained	The court is finished for now
Witness	The final decision at the end of a trial
Verdict	The judge agrees with an objection
Adjourned	Someone who tells the court what they saw

Answers: Defendant = the side who answers the case · Evidence = facts and clues · Objection = “I disagree!” · Overruled = judge says no · Sustained = judge agrees · Witness = tells what they saw · Verdict = final decision · Adjourned = court is finished for now

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Honest Hero Award

This award is proudly given to

_____

for telling the truth, even when it was hard,
and even when nobody was asking.

**The truth matters,
even when nobody is asking.**



_____ _____

Signed: The Judge (a snail) Date

For Teachers & Parents

How to run a 30-minute mock trial

1. **Set the scene (5 min).** Read the case file aloud. Hand out the role cards and summonses.
2. **Prepare (5 min).** Lawyers pick their best two reasons. The witness decides what they saw.
3. **Open court (2 min).** The Bailiff says “All rise!” The Judge opens the court, very slowly.
4. **Arguments (8 min).** Each lawyer speaks, then asks the witness one or two questions. “Objection!” is allowed, but only once per lawyer.
5. **Jury talk (5 min).** The jury discusses and votes.
6. **Verdict (5 min).** The jury explains its decision; the Judge announces it and adjourns the court. Hand out Honest Hero Awards for brave, truthful thinking.

Talk about it afterwards: Was the verdict fair? Is winning the same as being right? Have you ever kept quiet about something, and how did it feel?

This kit goes with **The Leprechaun Took Me to Court: A St. Patrick’s Day Courtroom Comedy**, a funny chapter book for ages 7–10 about honesty, courage and owning up, with a snail judge, a toad bailiff and a very green-eared leprechaun lawyer. **Find it on Amazon · search “Logan Duffield”.**

Court is adjourned. Thank you for reading! ★

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