

Namo Buddhaya !

Children's

Dhamma programme

The Story of a wood cutter's son



Once upon a time in the city Rajagaha, a wood-cutter went into the woods with his son to cut some firewood. After finishing that job they started returning home in that evening and they stopped in the jungle to have their meal. They took off the yoke from the two oxen (Bull) and they let them hang around freely nearby.

Slowly, the two oxen (Bulls) went away from them and the wood-cutter and son did not notice that. As soon as the wood-cutter found out the bulls were missing, he went looking for them but, he left his son with the cart of firewood in the jungle. While looking for his oxen, it got dark as it was too late in the evening and he could not find his way to the place where his son was.

The wood-cutter's son had a habit of thinking of great qualities of the Buddha. Seeing this child in the jungle all by himself, in that night two monsters (devils or ogres) who was wondering in the jungle looking for food came to the boy thinking they can satisfy their hunger by eating him. One of the monsters pulled a leg of the boy. The boy automatically remembered about the Lord Buddha and he screamed aloud "NAMO BUDDHAYA" (I pay homage to the Buddha). As soon as the monsters heard these words they got frightened and started respecting the boy instead of thinking harming him.



Then they told the boy we will not harm you. We will help you. Tell us anything you want and we will do it. Then boy said he is hungry because he did not have dinner yet.

So one monster went towards the city to bring some food for him and the other one stayed near the boy, guarding him from all danger. The one went to city couldn't

find any food and so he went to the king's palace and brought the food-tray of king Bimbisara. The two monsters then fed the boy as if he was their own son. Then the boy slept happily till morning.

In the morning, the king's men (king's security and bodyguards) discovered that the royal food-tray was missing and they were very upset and very much frightened. Then the king ordered his guards to check all the

vehicles leaving and entering the city and find his food tray. Now, the king's men had two check points and checked all the vehicles. Finally they found the royal food-tray with the firewood in the wood cutter's cart. They also found the boy who was with the cart.

The king questioned the boy, how he got the royal food-tray and boy said "There were two monsters came to me in the night and tried to kill me. Straightaway I said "NAMO BUDDHAYA" and they got frightened and started to shiver and asked how they can help me. Then I said, "I am hungry", after that they brought me food from somewhere and fed me.

Then the king realized what has happened and happy about the great habit which saved his life, that boy has been practising. The king was very impressed and gave them lots of presents and they became very rich and never went back to woods to cut firewood.

From today it self let's learn to remember the word "NAMO BUDDHAYA" by day and by night, whenever we need help as it will be of benefit and a good protection for us against evil & danger.

My dear children do not forget.

When you start writing a letter to someone, do not forget to greet them by writing NAMO BUDDHAYA at the beginning.

No matter with whom you talk with over the telephone, do not forget to end the phone call by wishing him NAMO BUDDHAYA

When you go to sleep, do not forget to wish your parents NAMO BUDDHAYA

The moment you wake up in the morning, remember to say NAMO BUDDHAYA to your parents.

If think better we also can discover new things. Moreover, we must remember that we also can stand on our own and that we can be among the greatest people in this world.

Do not forget that you can become successful in life without breaking the five precepts under any circumstances.

If you do something wrong to a person who has helped you in some way, you will become a person who does not have gratitude towards people. Hence, do not forget the fact that to become a person who remembers kindness.

Do not forget that the responsibility of saving, protecting and developing the Gautama Buddhist order, in this country and in this race lies on you. Hence, remember that you will have to be dedicated for that.

**Next Children's Program will be held on Saturday 27th April 2013
at the Mulgrave Neighbourhood House . Till then, Theruwan Saranai !!!**

Question Paper part - 11

01. What are the four factors of the stream Entrant position? (Sothapaththi anga in English)

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- 3.....
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02. What are the evil consequences faced by those who break the five precepts as pointed out by the Supreme Buddha? (In English)

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03. What are the three marks of existence? (thrilakshana in Pali and English)

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- 2.....
- 3.....

04. Which meditation should be practiced to discard the anger?

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05. What are the four sublime states? (Brahma Viharana in Pali and English)

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06. What are five mental hindrances? (Pancha Nivarana in Pali)

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