

NAMO BUDDHAYA!!!
HOMAGE TO THE WORTHY ONE,
THE ENLIGHTENED ONE!!!

Let's not lie. Let's be truthful

My dear children, today too we are going to learn a beautiful story. Before that shall I ask you a question? Do you tell lies? Now you answer this question to yourself.

the Lord Buddha (Budu Rajanan Wahanse) one day taught Rahula swameen wahanse; “Dear Rahula, do not lie even for the sake of a Joke”. Now do you see, how Lord Buddha thinks about lying that we should not tell lies even for a joke? We should take this advice from the Lord Buddha seriously. If you lie, it only helps to bring more troubles and suffering to our life. You know why because, the Lord Buddha has said, if someone can lie, he can also do all other bad things in the world so easily. There is no evil thing he cannot do. Lord Buddha is teaching this to us, because he knows, for sure, this is how things work or happen in the world. So, Rahula swameen wahanse, took the Lord Buddha’s advice from whole his heart. Now, dear kids, we too, shall take and follow this advice whole heartedly and respectfully. That means, even for a joke, we should not lie.

Now, Kids, you might think what’s wrong with telling a lie for a joke, because, It’s just a Joke and you don’t mean to tell a lie. Now, I will tell you a story and you will understand why so.

One day, there was a group of kids who are good friends. One day, they went on a picnic close to a big river. Then they decided to have a bath in the river. While they were having the bath, one of them thought to play a trick on others. So he hid all other’s cloths and faked not knowing it. He then enjoyed his trick when others were looking for their clothes. Now, as you can see he did this for a Joke and he didn’t mean to actually hide their clothes forever. Still, he enjoyed someone else having bad feelings and troubles because of his Joke. You know what happened to him because of that, after he died he was born in a place with no clothes.

You can now see what is the result you get when you enjoy faking things to others even for a joke. When you fake things, others get cheated. Being cheated they don’t feel good. If you make someone else feel bad it gets back to you one day. That’s the way it is.

Now dear kids, just think a bit, do you like if someone else come and cheat you by telling lies to you? See, you don’t. Just like that, you can think about others the same way. No one likes to be cheated by others. Thinking so, you should control yourself and behave truthfully.

Now what do you think, if you were to tell lies, to whom you are telling those? Yes, they are your loving Parents, sisters and brothers, your teachers who teach you good and bad and your dear friends you play and enjoy with. So, you are cheating the same people who help you and love you the most. Do you think it is right and a clever thing to do? If you cheat them you will lose their love and help slowly and you will become a person not liked and trusted by many. So, that’s the worst thing you can do to yourself.



Now, when you behave like this, being truthful and not lying, some of your friends who don't know about this teaching may come to you and cheat you by telling lies. If you got cheated by them, they may even laugh at you but, don't worry about it. If you worry, then, you lose. You lose your goodness. Don't let the badness to take over you again. Just think to yourself, even for the sake of my life, I am not going to lie or cheat anyone. That way I am keeping my

goodness and be happy forever". Then you start to become a truly good person and be dear to everyone around you. You will be a happy and great person among human and gods.



**"Udaye nagitina vitath, Nindata ma yanavitath
Gaman biman yana vitath, Potha patha balana vitath
Mage Budu Samindun ganath, Ae Siri Sadhaham ganath
Budu Pirise guna ganath, Sihi we me Theruwanath"**

"While I am waking up, and when I go to the bed
Even during travelling, also, when learning things
My dearest Lord Buddha, and his greatest teachings
Along with the Dhamma Friends, I think of this Triple Gems"

Memorize this Gathawa (poem) and say it to yourself whenever you can. It will definitely be for your long time good and happiness. Next Kids Program will be held on Saturday 23rd April 2011 at the same place. **Namo Buddhaya !!!**

