

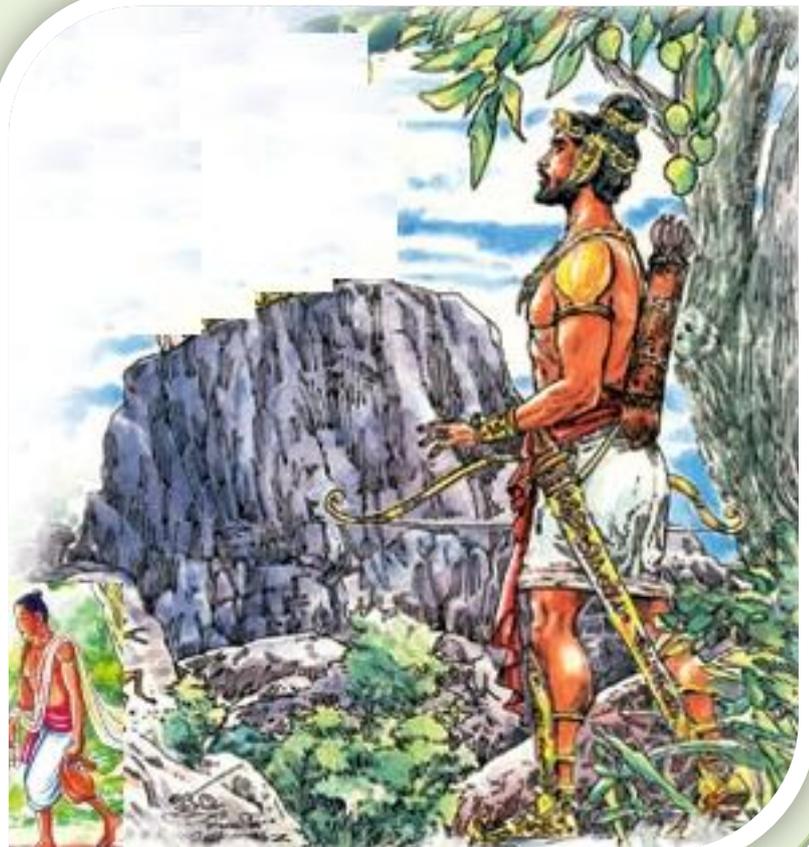
NAMO BUDDHAYA!!!
HOMAGE TO THE WORTHY ONE,
THE ENLIGHTENED ONE!!!

The Devoted Son

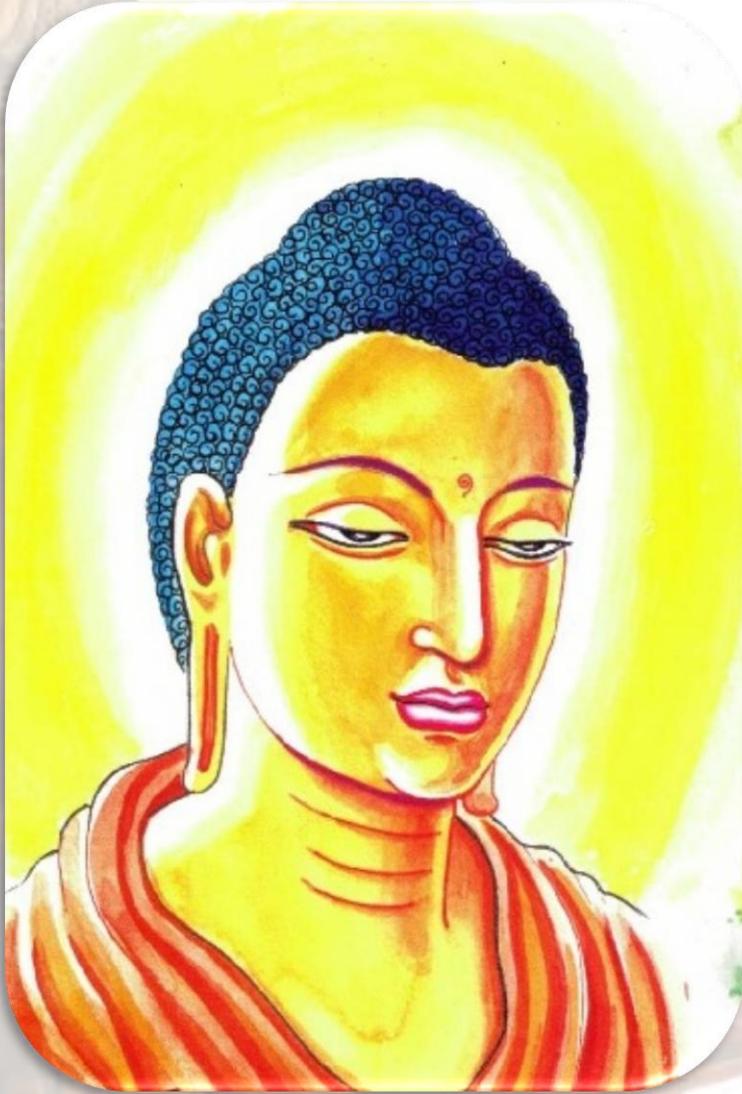
(Sama Jatakaya)

Once upon a time, two beings from Brahma-loka (a great Heaven) were born in human world as a boy and a girl. They were called Dukulaka and Parika, in their new life in human world. Their parents were bosom friends. When the two children grew up as elders their parents arranged their marriage. Because these two beings came from a higher heaven they quite lived a pure life. Therefore, they lived in a hermitage as ascetics. However, persuaded by Sakka Dukulaka touched the navel of Parika at a proper time, which made the Parika conceive a baby. The baby was born with golden colour. So, he was given the name of Suvannasama; but was often called Sama.

One day, there was heavy rain pour and Sama's parents were taking a shelter under a tree. Without knowing they were sitting close to an anthill where a snake was living. When the rain water rolled over their body and fell inside the ant hole the snake got furious and blew it's poisonous venom on to them, This made them blind and couldn't find their way back home. Sama got worried as his parent did not show up till late in the evening so, he went outside to look for them. After finding them wandering blindly in the jungle, he brought them home and looked after them ever since.



One day, Piliyakkha, the king of Varanasi was out on a hunting adventure in the forest around their hermitage. At that time Sama was bringing water in a large bucket for his parents. The king then heard the loud noise of water shaking in the bucket that Sama was carrying. King thought Sama as a goblin or a monster and in fear, he shot him with a poisoned arrow.



Now, a yakkhini (a type of ghost) named Bahusodari, who was the mother of Sama seven births before, saw Sama is dying after being hit with the poisonous arrow. She came down and stood in the mid air and then frightened the king and ordered him to go and tell Sama's blind parents of what he did.

When king found Sama's parents he told that their son is dead because he accidentally shot him. For his surprise they didn't get angry or upset but calmly requested the king to escort them to where their dead son is lying. After reaching where the Sama's body is lying, Parika

performed the Sacchakiriya (Act of Truth). Because of the power of her Sachchikiriya all the poisons evaporated from Sama's body and made him back to normal again. After seeing this the yakkhini performed a similar Sachchikiriya for the blind parents. And the parents, too, were cured and they got their eye-sight back.

(here, Sama was the Bodhisathwa, Dukuluka was the great Arahant Kassapa; Parika was the venerable Bhadda Kapilani, Piliyaka was the venerable Ananda and the yakkhini Bahusodari was the venerable Uppalavanna).

Next Kids Program will be held on Saturday 27th August 2011 at the same place. Till

then, Theruwan Saranai !!!

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