

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

Mattakundali

Dear children, today we are going to learn a story which says, if you do meritorious deeds, you will always have comforts and happiness in your life.

There was a very wealthy man called 'Adinapubbaka' in the Supreme Buddha's time, and who was very stingy, never even spending money for his own son 'Mattakundali'. He made the gold ornaments for his son by himself to save the payment for the goldsmith. His family never got to eat good healthy food. As a result of this his son became malnutrition and was badly ill. This child wasn't given proper medicine for his illness as 'Adinapubbaka' didn't want to pay for the physician. Therefore 'Mattakundali' became very ill and was about to die. Adinapubbaka then kept his dying son in the veranda so that the neighbours who coming to see Mattakundali would not see his possession.



Our Supreme Buddha saw that poor Mattakundali from his Devine eye. Supreme Buddha knew that this boy has merits to go to heaven after his death, if Buddha helps at his last moment to be mindful. Therefore the deep kind hearted Buddha came to help him. That time Mattakundali lay facing the wall then The Buddha sent a beam of light towards Mattakundali to attract his attention. Mattakundali turned his face to see where the light was coming from. Then he saw the Supreme Buddha. He thought even though no one loved and cared him, but the Buddha came to see him. He was very happy and spread loving kindness (*Mitthre*) towards his parents. So his mind was happy in the mean time he passed away, and reborn in the heaven.



Mattakundali Divya Kumara saw from the heaven that his father was lamenting at the cemetery thinking about him. Mattakundali Divya Kumara thought that he should help his father to be a good man. So he appeared in the

cemetery as a child and started crying. Then Adinappubbaka asked the boy why he was crying. The boy said that he wanted two wheels. Adinappubbaka said that he would make two wheels in gold or silver for him. Mattakundali Divya Kumara said that he didn't want those wheels but the sun and the moon. Adinappubbaka laughed and said "foolish child, how could you have sun and moon as wheels?". Then Mattakundali said that "I am crying for something that I could see. You are crying for something that you cannot see. So am I foolish?" Adinappubbaka was amazed what he heard. "Son please tell me who you are". Mattakundali appeared as the Divya Kumara that time and said "I am Muttakundali, I was saved by the Supreme Buddha. Therefore, father you too take refuge of Buddha. Be a generous man then collect merits and have happiness in your life". After that Adinappubbaka took the refuge of Buddha and became a good man. He spent his wealth for charity and collected lot of merits.

This is how The Lord Buddha told about it in a stanza:

Manopubbangama dhamma-manosettha manomaya

Manasa che pasannena-bhasati va karoti va

Tato nam sukhamanveti-chaya va anapayini

Which means:

Mind precedes all things; mind is their chief, mind is their maker. If one speaks or does a deed with a mind that is pure within, happiness then follows along like a never leaving shadow.

So dear children, be mindful. When you speak or do a deed you need to have a pure mind which follows the happiness like a never leaving shadow.