

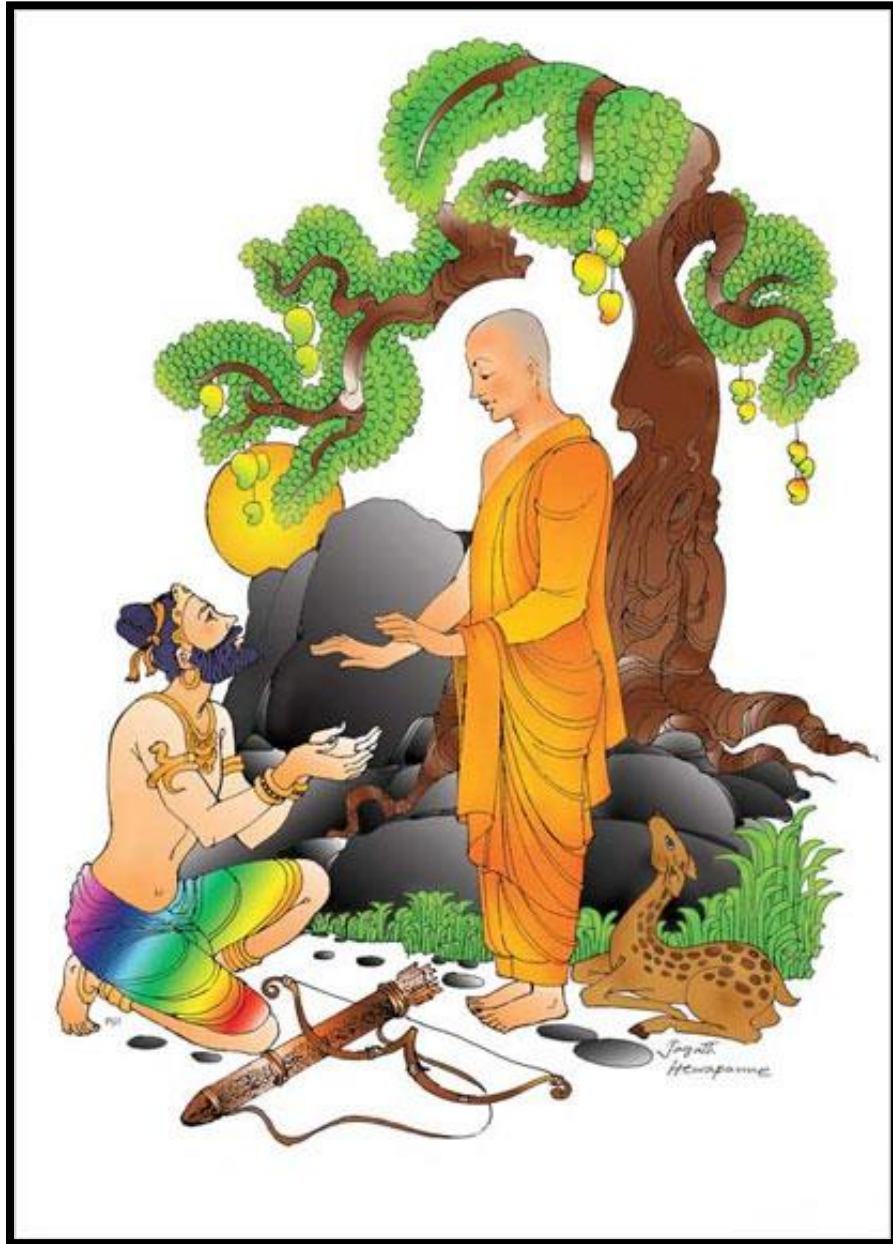
Poson Full Moon Day



Shanthi Vihara Dhamma School

Dhamma School Lessons for KS1





Do you remember we celebrated Wesak Poya Day and made some wesak lanterns last month?

Poson Poya Day


Same as Vesak Poya,
there is another special poya
day for Buddhists. It is Poson
Poya day.

It comes after Vesak poya.

It falls in the month of **June**.

We make poson lanterns
and also sing devotional
songs (Bethi Gee)



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- A cluster of vibrant green leaves with prominent veins, hanging from the top of the frame.
- ❖ Children, do you know **why this Poya is very important?**
 - Buddhism was brought to Sri Lanka on **Poson Poya day.**
 - There is a beautiful story related to Poson Poya day.

Do you like to know the story?





- Long time ago, there was a king named **Devanampiyatissa**.
- At that time, he ruled our country, Sri Lanka.





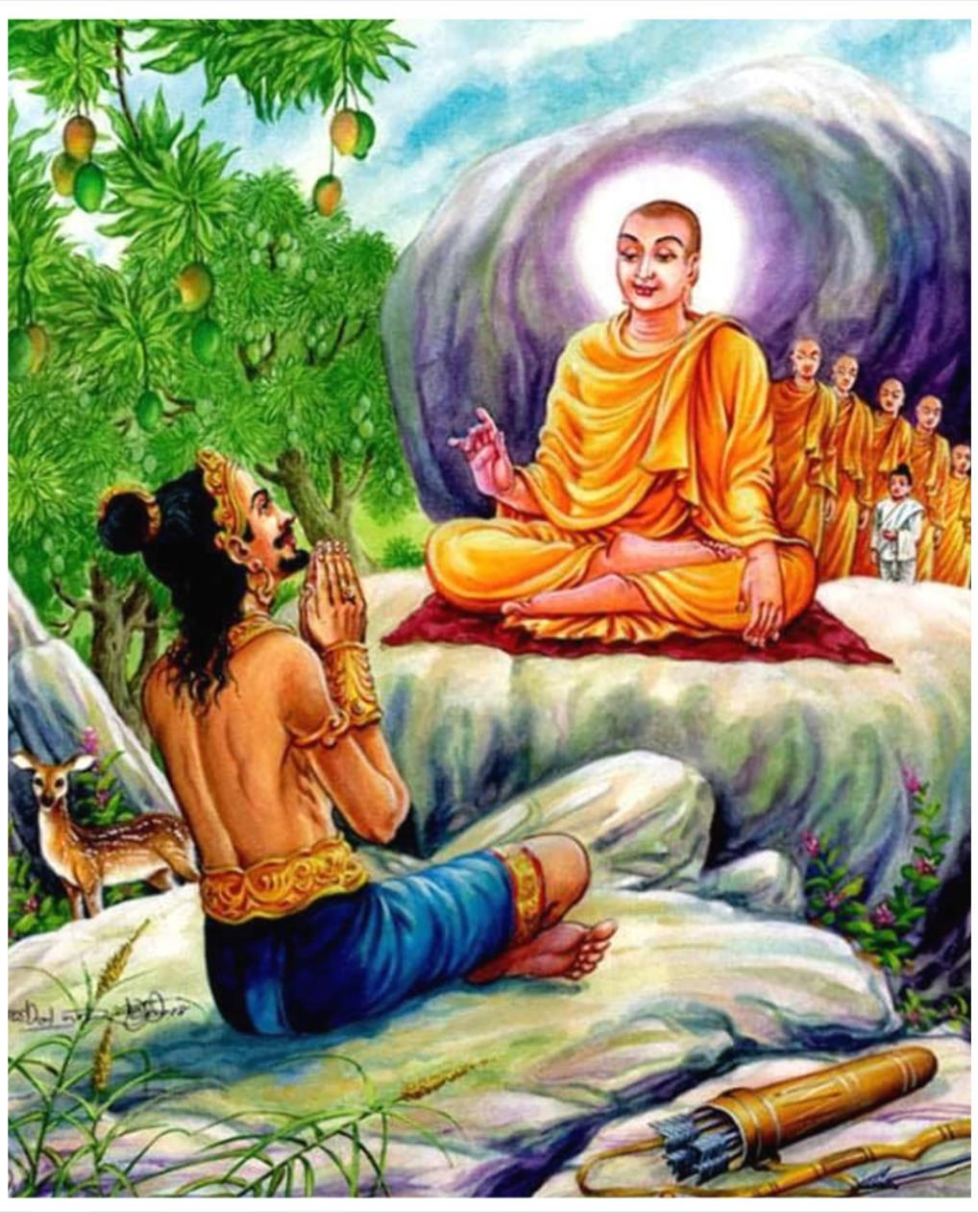
- One day, King Devanampiyatissa was on a deer hunt in the forest.
- He saw a deer next to **Mihintale rock**.

- On the same day, **Arahant Mahinda Thero** travelled to Sri Lanka with six other followers.
- And they went to **Mihintale** in **Anuradhapura** at the same time.





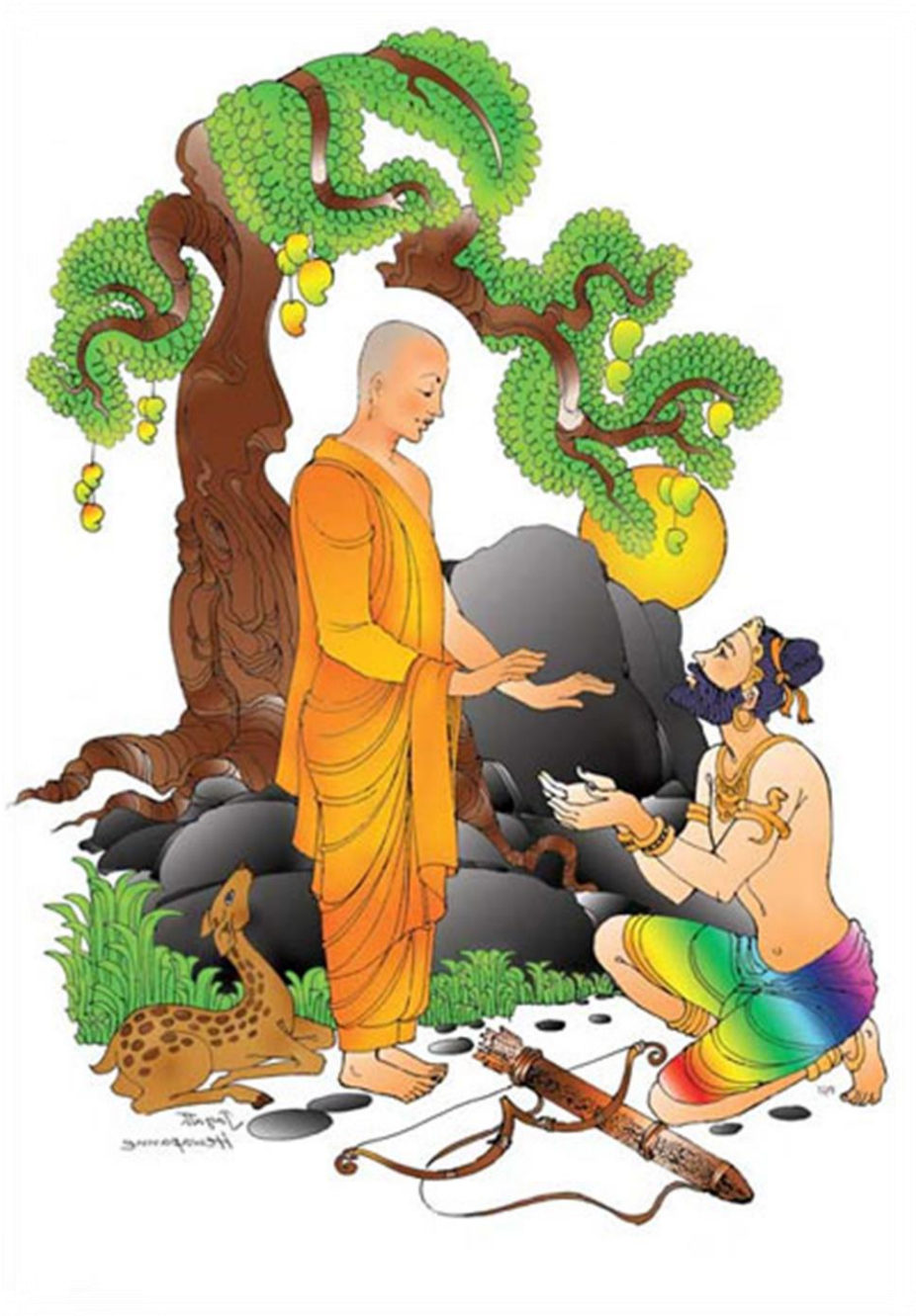
- While King Devanampiyatissa was on the deer hunting, **Arahant Mahinda Thero** saw the king who was chasing a deer.
- Then **Arahant Mahinda Thero** called the King "Tissa, Tissa"



- The king was surprised to hear someone calling him by his name.
- The king stopped his hunting and looked up to see who the speaker was.
- The king saw **Arahant Mahinda Thero** and six other followers on the top of the mountain **Mihintale**.

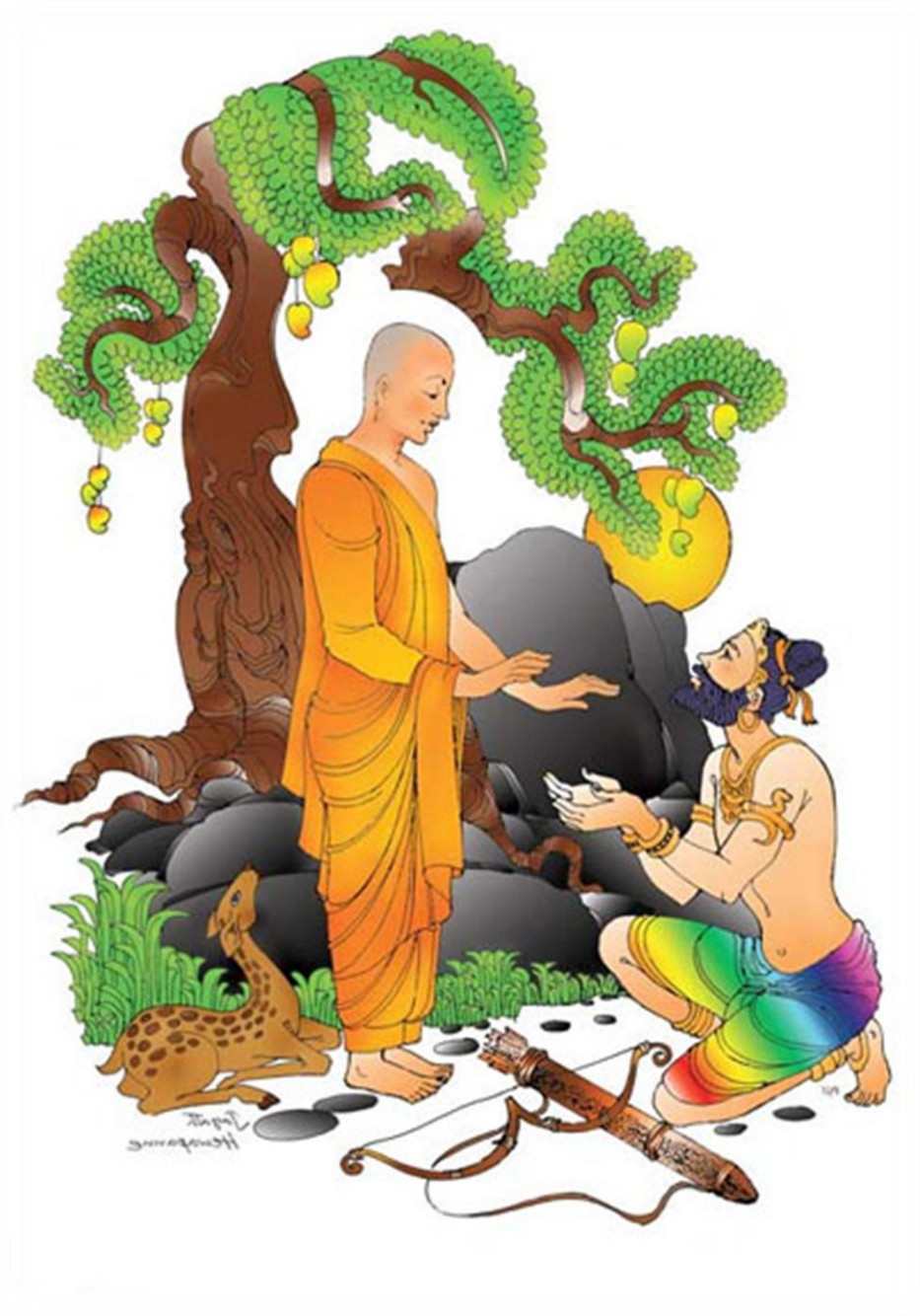


- They had a pleasant conversation.
- Later, the king threw down his bow and arrows and worshipped **Arahant Mahinda Thero**.



Arahant Mahinda Thero preached a Dhamma sermon to the king.





- After listening to the Dhamma sermon, king Devanampiyatissa became a **Buddhist**.



Activity

Fill in the blanks using the words given in the brackets.

(Arahant Mahinda Thero / Mihintale / Poson / Buddhists / king Devanampiyatissa)

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2. It is a very special Poya day for
3. brought Buddhism to Sri Lanka.
4. At that time, our country was ruled by
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5. They met at in Anuradhapura.



Let's check the answers.

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