

Prince Rahula



Shanthi Vihara Dhamma School

Dhamma School Lessons - KS1

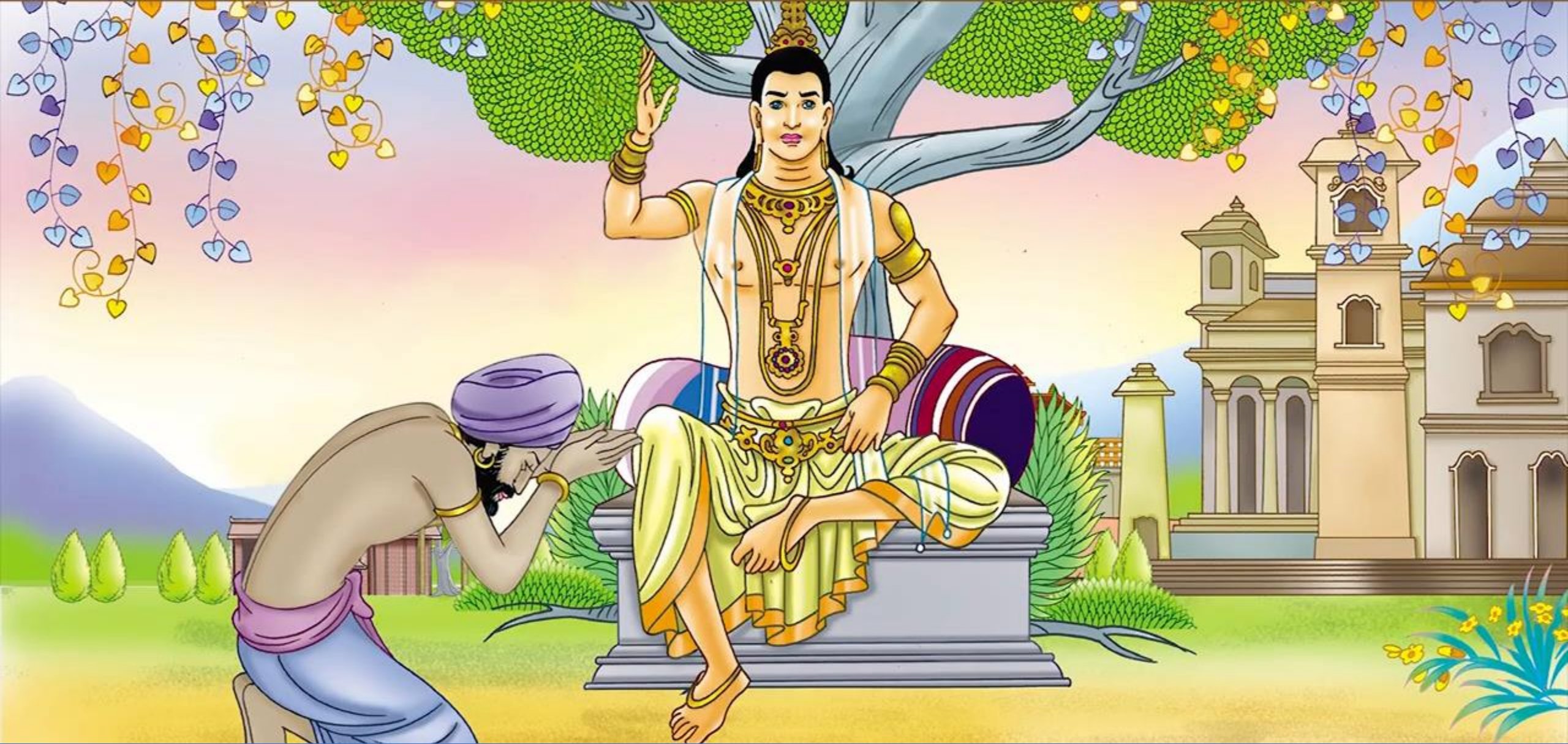


Rahula was the only son of Prince Siddhartha and his wife Yashodara. He became a novice monk later.

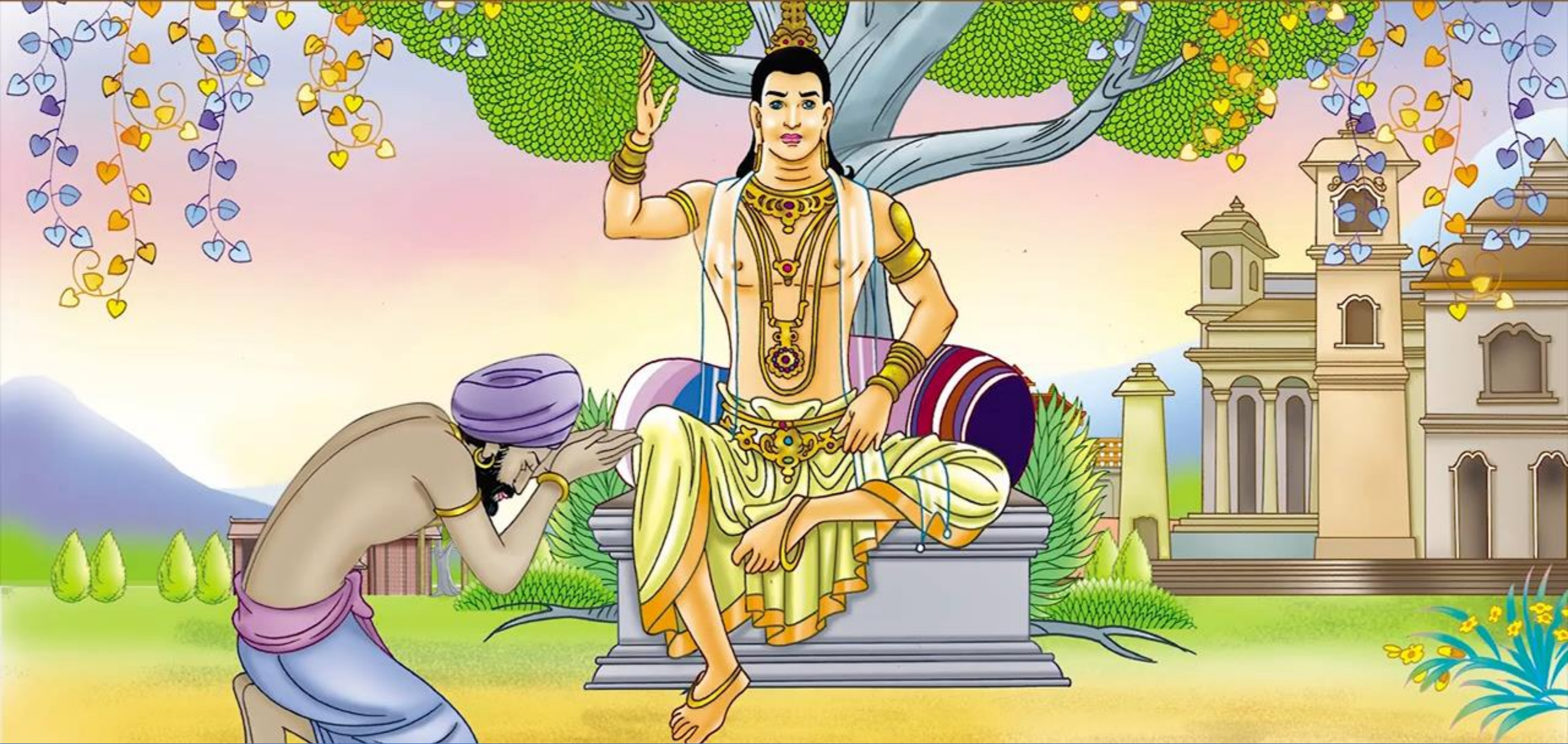


He was born shortly before Prince Siddhartha left on his quest for enlightenment, when he was 29 years old.





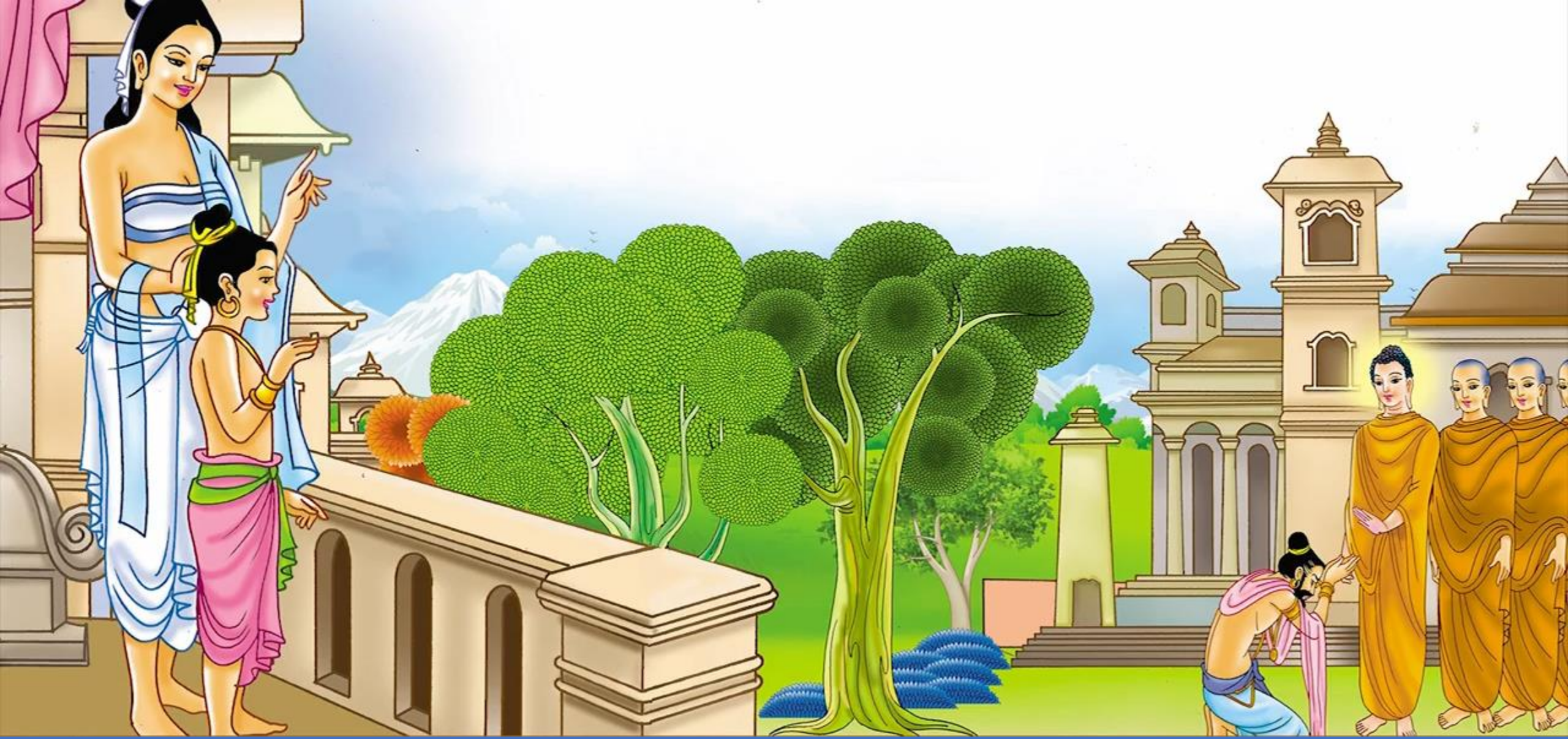
When prince Siddhartha was dwelling in the royal park, he was informed about a good news, the birth of his son, Rahula.



But he was not happy about it as he was planning to leave the palace home secretly and achieve enlightenment.



Rahula grew up in the palace with his mother, Yashodara but always asked about his father and how he looked like. He was so



One day, when the Buddha was approaching towards the palace, his mother finally let him meet his father but informed that he don't



She said that everything including the palace and other wealth belongs to the Buddha and Prince Rahula. Then, Rahula said he



Then Prince Rahula went to the Buddha and asked for his inheritance. Then the Buddha presented him his inheritance, the noble monkhood to Rahula.



Buddha ordered Venerable Sariputta to ordain prince Rahula at the age of 7. He was humble and down to earth. He always obeyed elder monks.



Rahula Thero had a special habit of throwing a handful of sand in the air and wishing “may I get advises as much as the quantity of sand in my hand, for the things I should do.”



Rahula thero was very kind to everyone. He was admired by all monks in the temple. He was also the most disciplined monk. He didn't forget to give a part of his food to birds. He was never



“Rahula, Never tell a lie. A monk who tells lie is empty like a jug without water.”

Exercise:

1. Who was Prince Rahula?
2. Who was the father of Prince Rahula?
3. At what age did prince Siddhartha leave prince Rahula?
4. Why did prince Rahula ask for his inheritance?
5. What did prince Rahula receive as his inheritance?