

Religious Education Knowledge Organiser

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What do Buddhist Parables teach Buddhists?

Substantive Knowledge – Buddhists believe that Dukkha (suffering) ends when humans find enlightenment (the state of being a Buddha)

The Buddha

Buddhists believe that human life is a cycle of suffering and rebirth, but that if one achieves a state of enlightenment (nirvana), it is possible to escape this cycle forever. Siddhartha Gautama was the first person to reach this state of enlightenment and the first Buddha. The Buddha is significant as it is the state of enlightenment and Buddhists aspire to this..



Did you know?

Buddhism was founded in about 400 C.E. after the death of Siddhartha Gautama .

The Man Born Blind



'I do not believe in the world of light and appearance. There are no colours, bright or sombre. There is no sun, no moon, no stars. No one has witnessed these things. His friends argued with him but he refused to believe them as he could not touch colours and they have no weight. A doctor came and put drops in his eye and the man could see. This is because of the Four Noble Truths.

The Four Noble Truths

Dukkha: suffering and pain

The Causes of Dukkha: is karma: know what causes the pain.

Stop the Dukkha: know you want to stop the Dukkha

The Noble Eightfold Path: Stop the suffering by following The Eightfold Path



The Eightfold Path

The Lost Son and Luxurious Living



The story of the Lost Son is a picture of God's love for us as His children. God's love for us does not depend on our faithfulness; it is unconditional just like the father in this story.

Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

Peace

When there is no disturbance, noise or interference.

Peace Pagoda

This awe-inspiring effort to promote peace throughout the world began in 1947 as a way of honouring and remembering those who died in the atomic attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Since then, nearly 80 Peace Pagodas have been built around the globe.



The Dhauli Giri Shanti Stupa (Peace Pagoda) was built in Bhubaneswar, Orissa State, India during a two-year period, and was inaugurated on November 8, 1972



The Peace Pagoda in Battersea, London. The Peace Pagodas, including the site in Battersea, were built as part of Buddhist monk Nichidatsu Fujii's (1885–1985) advocacy for world peace and non-violence.

Portable Knowledge – What we need to remember

Siddhartha Gautama was the first Buddha and founded Buddhism. Once a person finds enlightenment (the truth), (s)he is a Buddha.

Core Vocabulary

Buddha– the 'enlightened one'.

parable– a story that teaches a lesson

pagodas– a temple