

NAMO BUDDHAYA!!!

Children's Dhamma Program

Noble Dhamma for Little Hearts

Mansion of Yellow Flowers

Dear children,

Today, you are going to listen to a story about a goddess who received both a very beautiful mansion and luxurious life because of a good deed she did when she was in the human world.

One day God Sakka, the Lord of gods saw a very stunning mansion, which was glittering in yellow. The goddess who lived in this mansion was wearing very beautiful yellow-colored clothes. She was sparkling in yellow and she had applied yellow sandalwood cream. Everything in this place was glittering in yellow color. The god Sakka questioned this goddess to find out what kind of a good deed led her to be reborn as a goddess in the heaven. The god Sakka asked several questions.



God Sakka:

“Dear goddess, you are wearing yellow clothes and jewelries. You have put on yellow sandalwood cream, and you have decorated yourself with yellow lotuses and yellow scarves. Your mansion is yellow; even your furniture is yellow. Everything in this mansion is yellow. Could you please tell us what kind of a meritorious action you did in the human world to get all of these beautiful things.”

Goddess: “God Sakka, when I was in the human world, one day I came across some vines with tiny yellow flowers, and I thought to offer the flowers to the stupa nearby me that contained the relics of the

Supreme Buddha. So I plucked four flowers and on the way to the stupa, I was recollecting the qualities of the Supreme Buddha. When I was going closer to the stupa, an angry cow was chasing me, but I didn’t see this animal. When I was about to offer flowers to the stupa, this cow knocked me down and killed me.”

“and I was reborn here in this heaven. I got this much luxury because of the good deed I did. I couldn't even offer the flowers to the stupa. I was thinking about the qualities of the Buddha and was about to offer flowers to the stupa. But as a result of this, as soon as I passed-out from the human world, I was born as a goddess in this heaven, and got all of these beautiful things, including this beautiful mansion. If I got the chance to offer the flowers to the stupa, I would have got much more things.”

God Sakka delighted by this story and thought he could collect more merit by worshiping the relics of the Supreme Buddha. He told this story to his chariot driver Matali and said, “Dear Matali, Look at these excellent results. Isn’t this wonderful? Although the object that she was going to offer was very small, it gave her a great result. If someone gives even a very small offering, with a confident mind, to the Supreme Buddha or to a disciple of the Buddha, the outcome will not be small. We should go to the human world to worship the relics of the Supreme Buddha”.

Dear children, From this story, we have learned that we can collect merit, by worshiping the Buddha with confidence and by developing good qualities, such as generosity, keeping the precepts and controlling our bad thoughts. In the end, this will give us a happy life and a heavenly rebirth!

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