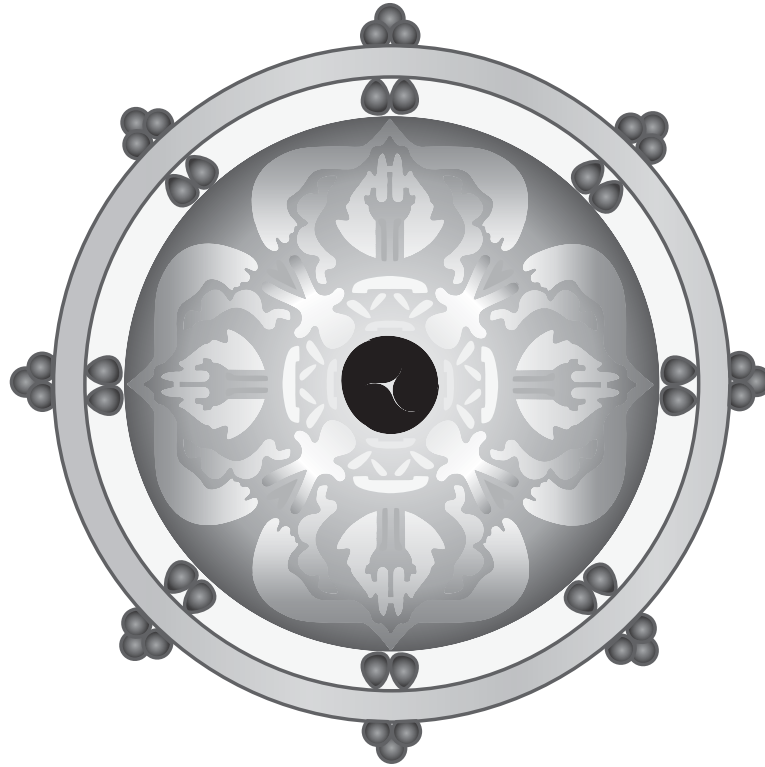


# Exploring World Beliefs

# Buddhism



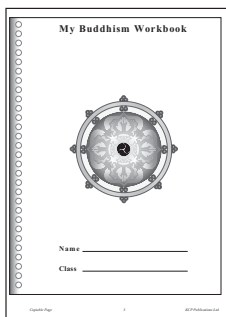
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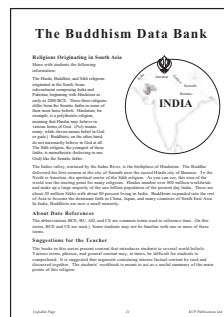
**PART 1 THE WORKBOOK**

**PART 2 THE DATAFILE**



There are 20 copiable pages that should be copied and stapled together so that each child has a workbook.

This creates a permanent record of work done and is much neater than loose, copiable worksheets



There are 30 copiable information pages that could be copied onto card and used as starting points for each area of Buddhism.

These can be reused from class to class.



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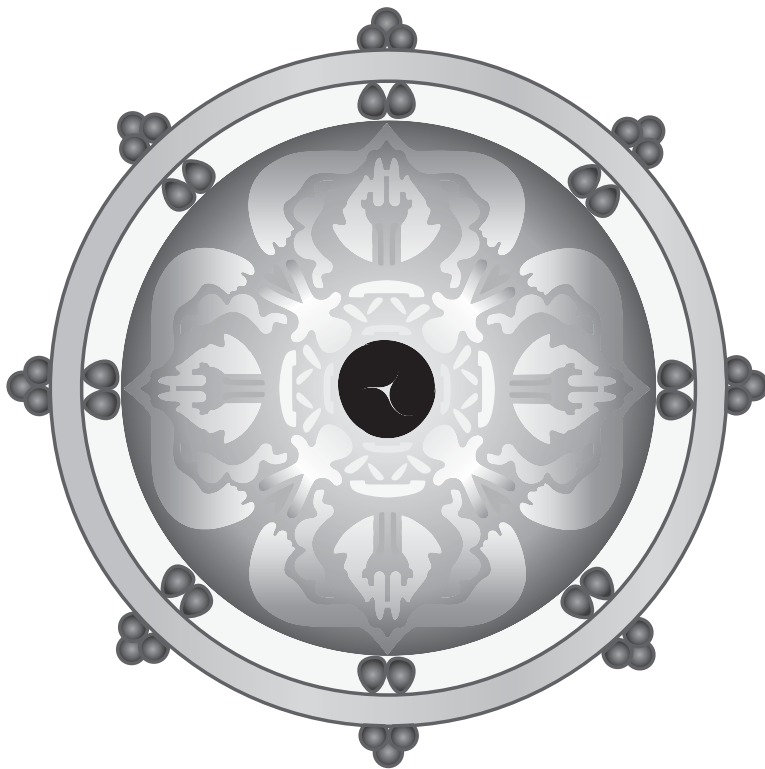


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# My Buddhism Workbook



Name \_\_\_\_\_

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## Birth Place Of Buddhism

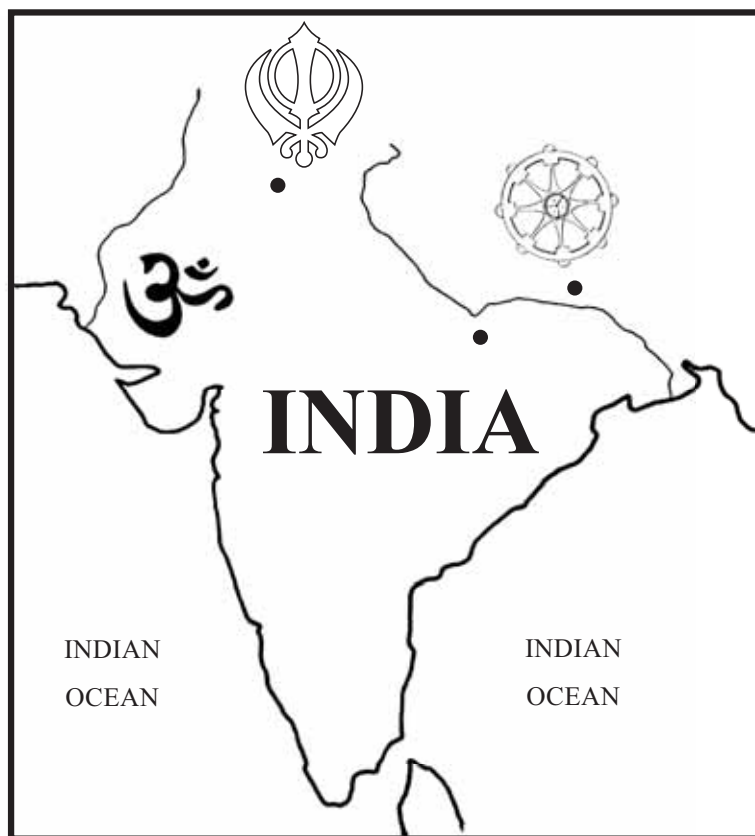
Buddhism, Hinduism and Sikhism all began in the S\_\_\_\_\_ A\_\_\_\_\_ subcontinent.

Buddhism started in the Indian city of S\_\_\_\_\_

near the River G\_\_\_\_\_ . Hinduism started

along the valley of the River I\_\_\_\_\_ .

Sikhism started in the town of A\_\_\_\_\_ .



**Name the rivers:** Indus, Ganges.

**Name the towns:** Amritsar, Sarnath, Benares.

**Colour the oceans blue.**

# The Story of Buddha

Read the story of Buddha and draw a suitable picture in each panel.

When Prince Siddhartha was born, sage Asita said he would be a great Saint.

The Prince looked after a wounded white swan, that had been shot by an arrow.

Siddhartha was allowed to keep the swan.

Siddhartha became married after he had won an archery contest.....

.....a sword fight.....

riding a wild horse.

Siddhartha became aware of illness, old age and death and became depressed.

Siddhartha gave up his luxury life left his wife and spent 6 years searching for wisdom.

Under a bodhi tree (the Tree of Enlightenment) he found wisdom and became Buddha.

*Issue copies of pages 22-28 for this activity.*

# The Story of Buddha

1. When was Prince Siddhartha born? What does his name mean?

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2. Describe Queen Maya's dream. What does it mean?

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3. Why does the sage Asita weep when he sees Siddhartha?

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4. What is Asita's prophesy about the prince?

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5. What happens when the prince finds a wounded swan?

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6. Why must Siddhartha enter a contest to win Princess Yasodhara's hand in marriage?

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7. The prince triumphs in three contests. Name them.

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8. What does King Sudhodana give the prince and princess? Why?

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9. List the three troubling sights Siddhartha witnesses during the visits to Kapilavastu.

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10. Why does Siddhartha starve himself and sleep very little?

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11. In what city and under what kind of tree does Siddhartha become enlightened?

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# The Story of Buddha

## What Do You Think?

**Directions:** Answer the following questions, using details to support your responses.

1. Why do the palace judges award the wounded swan to Siddhartha? Do you agree with their decision? Explain.

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2. Discuss King Sudhodana's actions throughout the story. What are his motivations for sheltering Siddhartha?

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3. Describe Siddhartha's feelings when he sees old age, sickness, and death. How does his upbringing contribute to his reaction?

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4. In his search for enlightenment, Prince Siddhartha leaves behind his wife and son. In so doing, he became one of the most influential figures in history. Do you feel he is justified in leaving his family behind? Explain.

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5. Can you think of someone other than Siddhartha who left behind a life of luxury in order to pursue wisdom? Explain.

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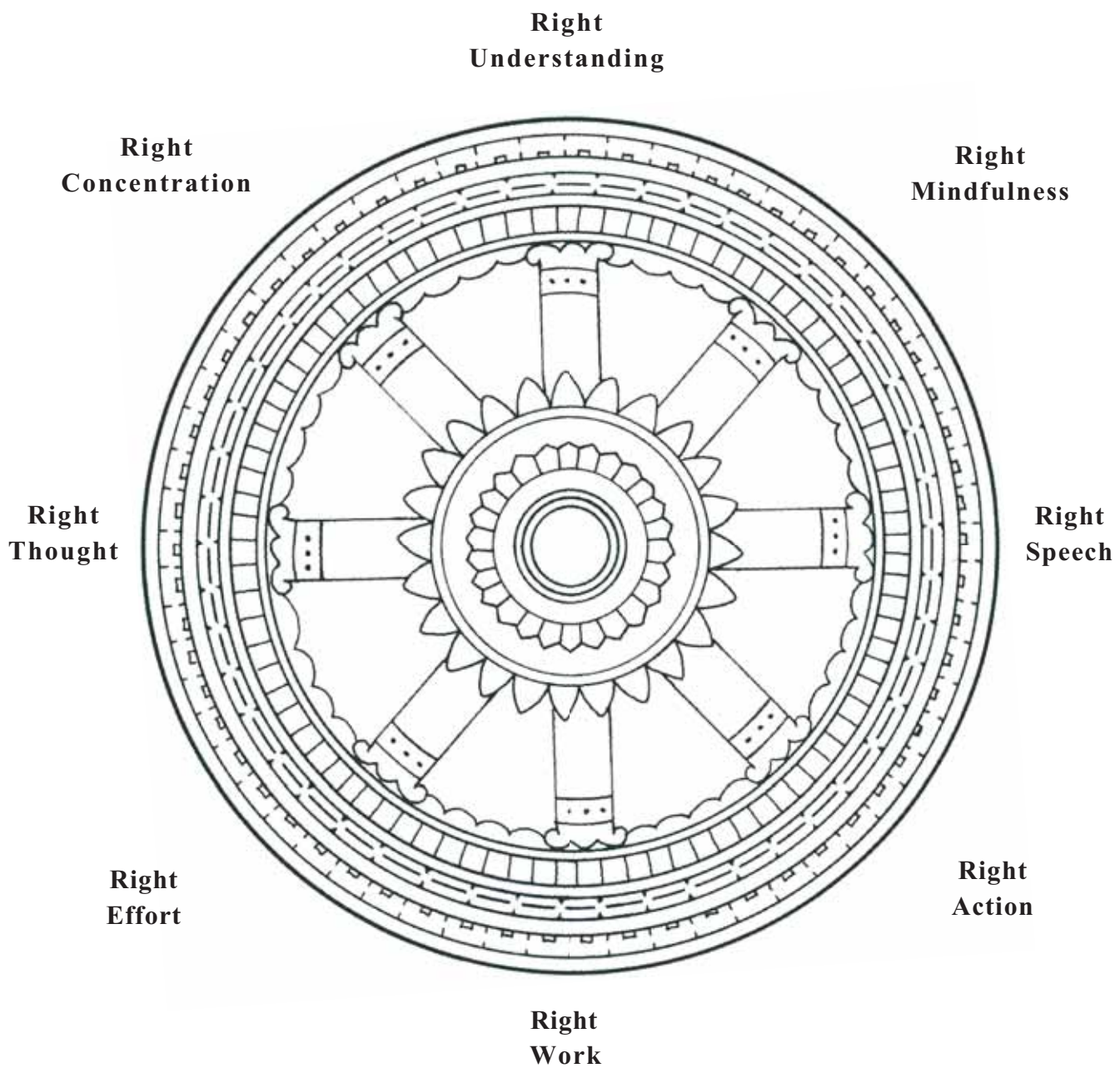
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# Buddha's Teachings

## The Wheel of Law



*Use with a copy of page 30. Discuss what each of the eight 'spokes' mean. Colour in the wheel.*