



Syllabus for Grade 6

1	Topic	Socio-cultural background During Pre - Buddhist India - part I
	Learning Objective	Revision of Socio economic background during which the prince Siddhartha was born and raised. (Hinduism and dogmatic belief and spiritual renaissance)
	Focus/Source	History of Indian Buddhism , S.R.Goyal ,Kusumanjali Prakasan Meorul – 1987 2. Early Buddhist Theory of Knowledge , K.N. Jayatilake, Motilal Banarsidas, Delhi

2	Topic	Socio-cultural background During Pre - Buddhist India - part II
	Learning Objective	Allow children to think about the difference between Buddhism and other beliefs.
	Focus/Source	History of Indian Buddhism , S.R.Goyal ,Kusumanjali Prakasan Meorul – 1987 2. Early Buddhist Theory of Knowledge , K.N. Jayatilake, Motilal Banarsidas, Delhi

3	Topic	<i>Buddha's life story I – child hood</i>
	Learning Objective	Children to understand the Buddha's life story
	Focus/Source	Dhamma School lessons – Ven. Sumangalo - Buddhism for young students – Ven Dr. C Phangcham - What Buddha Taught – Ven. Walpola Rahula

4	Topic	<i>Buddha's life story II – renunciation</i>
	Learning Objective	Children to understand the Buddha's life story
	Focus/Source	Dhamma School lessons – Ven. Sumangalo - Buddhism for young students – Ven Dr. C Phangcham - What Buddha Taught – Ven. Walpola Rahula

5	Topic	<i>Buddha's life story III - “Quest for truth”</i>
	Learning Objective	Children to learn about how the Buddha found Dhamma
	Focus/Source	Dhamma School lessons – Ven. Sumangalo - Buddhism for young students – Ven Dr. C Phangcham - What Buddha Taught – Ven. Walpola Rahula

	Topic	Four Noble truth Part I
6	Learning Objective	Children to understand the essence of Buddhism –true nature of world and reasoning for Buddhist to follow the noble eight fold path
	Focus/Source	Dhamma School lessons – Ven. Sumangalo - Buddhism for young students – Ven Dr. C Phangcham -What Buddha Taught – Ven. Walpola Rahula

	Topic	Four Noble truth Part II
7	Learning Objective	Children to understand the essence of Buddhism –true nature of world and reasoning for Buddhist to follow the noble eight fold path
	Focus/Source	Dhamma School lessons – Ven. Sumangalo - Buddhism for young students – Ven Dr. C Phangcham -What Buddha Taught – Ven. Walpola Rahula

	Topic	Four Noble truth Part III
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	Topic	Noble Eightfold path Part I
9	Learning Objective	Children to comprehend the eight steps of life towards enlightenment
	Focus/Source	Dhamma School lessons – Ven. Sumangalo - Buddhism for young students – Ven Dr. C Phangcham - What Buddha Taught – Ven. Walpola Rahula

	Topic	Noble Eightfold path Part I
10	Learning Objective	Children to comprehend the eight steps of life towards enlightenment
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	Topic	Noble Eightfold path Part II
11	Learning Objective	Children to comprehend the eight steps of life towards enlightenment
	Focus/Source	Dhamma School lessons – Ven. Sumangalo - Buddhism for young students – Ven Dr. C Phangcham - What Buddha Taught – Ven. Walpola Rahula

12	Topic	Noble Eightfold path Part III
	Learning Objective	Children to comprehend the eight steps of life towards enlightenment
	Focus/Source	Dhamma School lessons – Ven. Sumangalo - Buddhism for young students – Ven Dr. C Phangcham - What Buddha Taught – Ven. Walpola Rahula

13	Topic	Middle Path – Way to happy life
	Learning Objective	Children to learn middle path as a strategy to follow noble eight fold path.
	Focus/Source	Dhamma School lessons – Ven. Sumangalo - Buddhism for young students – Ven Dr. C Phangcham - What Buddha Taught – Ven. Walpola Rahula

14	Topic	First Buddhist council
	Learning Objective	Make them aware how those teachings come to practice after Buddha’s parinibbāna and learn about the noble role of grate disciples
	Focus/Source	http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_Buddhism_in_India

15	Topic	Second Buddhist Council
	Learning Objective	Make them aware how Buddhism evolve into different sects
	Focus/Source	http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_Buddhism_in_India

16	Topic	Third Buddhist council and Buddhism in Sri Lanka
	Learning Objective	To learn about how Buddhism came to Sri Lanka and establish it in Sri Lanka
	Focus/Source	http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/History_of_Buddhism_in_India

17	Topic	Sri Lanka History and ancient cities
	Learning Objective	Learn about Sri Lanka and history
	Focus/Source	Wikipedia for Mahāwansa/Dīpavansa

	Topic	Colonial period and Sri Lanka Independence
18	Learning Objective	Make student aware of western influence in Sri Lanka and how the country gained independence
	Focus/Source	Heritage of a Bikkhu – Ven. Walapola Rahula

	Topic	<i>Kālamasutta I</i>
19	Learning Objective	How Buddhism encourage rational thinking and freedom of inquiry and speech
	Focus/Source	Online material of Ven Soma thero

	Topic	<i>Kālamasutta II – Application in day today life</i>
20	Learning Objective	How Buddhism encourage rational thinking and freedom of inquiry and speech
	Focus/Source	Online material of Ven. Soma thero

21	Topic	<i>Parābhavasutta I & II</i>
	Learning Objective	To understand and apply in to day today life – reasons for downfall of a person.
	Focus/Source	Ven. Narada Thero

22	Topic	<i>Parābhava sutta III – Application of lessons in day today life</i>
	Learning Objective	To understand and apply in to day today life – reasons for downfall of a person.
	Focus/Source	Ven. Narada Thero http://www.vipassana.com/resources/buddhism_in_a_nutshell.php

23	Topic	Respecting the Venerable Monks
	Learning Objective	To make them understood the proper way of respecting Venerable monks
	Focus/Source	“Sīlavantam gunavantam Punnakkhettam anuttaram Dullabhena mayā laddham Buddhaputtam namāmaham”

24	Topic	Introduction to the deep teaching of <i>Dhamma</i> – Meditation
	Learning Objective	Introduce meditation to young students and to be used in their day today life
	Focus/Source	Ve. Walpola Rahula – what the Buddha taught

25	Topic	Mind and Matter /Five aggregates Part I
	Learning Objective	Introduce how mind and matter works – Nāma –Rūpa
	Focus/Source	Ven. Yogawachara Rahula – The way to peace and happiness

26, 27 and 28	Topic	Review Questions
	Learning Objective	Getting ready for Final test
	Focus/Source	They need three or more sessions to review what they learned