



Syllabus for Kindergarten

1	Topic	Queen <i>Mahāmāyā</i>'s dream
	Learning Objective	Able to Understand the meaning of the Queen's dream and basic knowledge of Prince Siddhartha's life
	Focus/Source	The Buddhist Series: Life of the Buddha Level 1 → Coloring Sheet (showing an elephant carrying a lotus flower)

2	Topic	Birth of Prince <i>Siddhārtha</i>
	Learning Objective	Able to understand the story of the Prince's birth, including all events that represent this important day.
	Focus/Source	The Buddhist Series: Life of the Buddha Level 1 → Coloring Sheet (showing Prince Siddhārtha walking on 7 lotus flowers)

3	Topic	The Buddhist Flag
	Learning Objective	Able to recognize the Buddhist Flag, and name the appropriate colors
	Focus/Source	Color the picture of the flag

4	Topic	Respecting all animals
	Learning Objective	Able to understand the importance of treating all animals with respect
	Focus/Source	The Buddhist Series: Life of the Buddha Level 1 → The Wounded Swan, Color picture of animals being cared for

5	Topic	The <i>Bodhi</i> Tree
	Learning Objective	Able to understand the importance of the Bodhi tree to Buddhism and describe a few events in which this significance lays
	Focus/Source	Color picture of the Bodhi Tree

	Topic	The Four Sights
6	Learning Objective	Able to describe the four sights
	Focus/Source	Draw and label the four sights

	Topic	Veneration to Parents
7	Learning Objective	Able to Recite the Veneration to both mother and father- Understands the importance of respecting parents
	Focus/Source	Veneration stanzas will be given to all students, Coloring sheet of children worshipping parents.

	Topic	Respecting Monks
8	Learning Objective	Understands the importance of respecting monks
	Focus/Source	Color picture of monk

9	Topic	Buddhist Signs – <i>Dharma Chakra</i> Wheel, Flowers, Candles, Wearing White Clothing when coming to the temple
	Learning Objective	Understands the meanings and purposes behind these signs and rituals
	Focus/Source	Various Coloring Sheets

10	Topic	<i>Vesak & Vesak traditions/rituals</i>
	Learning Objective	Understands rituals and importance of Vesak
	Focus/Source	Various Coloring sheets

11	Topic	Going to the Temple
	Learning Objective	Understands the behaviors expected when going to the temple, and the importance of certain rituals including wearing white clothing, and offering flowers and incenses.
	Focus/Source	Coloring Sheet showing children attending temple

	Topic	Offering <i>Dāna</i>
12	Learning Objective	Understands the importance of giving <i>Dāna</i>
	Focus/Source	Refer to Chapter 9 of The Buddhist Series: Life of the Buddha Level 1 ,Color picture of monk being offered Dana.

	Topic	The 5 Precepts
13	Learning Objective	Able to list all 5 precepts
	Focus/Source	Draw and Color pictures relating to this topic

	Topic	Loving Kindness Meditation
14	Learning Objective	Able to understand the basic principles of the loving kindness meditation
	Focus/Source	Students will be given the written stanzas of the meditation which will be practiced in class and encouraged to be practiced at home.

	Topic	Triple Gem Introduction
15	Learning Objective	Understanding of Triple Gem
	Focus/Source	Nirvāna Grade 1 Book

	Topic	Buddha in brief
16	Learning Objective	Understanding of Triple Gem
	Focus/Source	Nirvāna Grade 1 Book

	Topic	Dhamma in brief
17	Learning Objective	Understanding of Triple Gem
	Focus/Source	Nirvāna Grade 1 Book

18	Topic	<i>Sangha in brief</i>
	Learning Objective	Understanding of Triple Gem
	Focus/Source	Nirvāna Grade 1 Book

19	Topic	What do we take to temple?
	Learning Objective	Flowers/Joss sticks/oil/candle
	Focus/Source	Draw pictures and color

20	Topic	Three places that we worship in a temple
	Learning Objective	Pagoda(Chetiya)/Bodhi tree/Buddha statue
	Focus/Source	Draw pictures and color

21	Topic	Respecting parents
	Learning Objective	Venerating them every night, being obedient, listening to them
	Focus/Source	Draw pictures and color

22	Topic	Good Friends
	Learning Objective	To associate with good people and not bad people
	Focus/Source	Narrating a story/Color picture

23	Topic	Respecting Elders
	Learning Objective	To be kind to people older than you
	Focus/Source	Narrating a story/Color picture

24	Topic	<i>Vesak & Poson days</i>
	Learning Objective	Significance of the above days
	Focus/Source	Narrating a story/Color picture

25	Topic	Religio-Historical places in Sri Lanka
	Learning Objective	Daladāmāligāva/Srīmahābodhiya
	Focus/Source	Draw pictures and color

26	Topic	Good Habits
	Learning Objective	Manners/behaviors/respect
	Focus/Source	Draw pictures and color

27	Topic	Activities on Poya Day
	Learning Objective	Getting used to the observance of higher precepts
	Focus/Source	Learning what we get involved on Poya

28	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”