



Wesak: The Festival of the Buddha

The word "Wesak" comes from Vaisakha, the Indian month of May.



It was on the full moon day in May that Prince Siddhartha was born.

It was on the full moon night of Vaisakha that Prince Siddhartha sat under the Bodhi tree and became Enlightened. He became the Buddha.



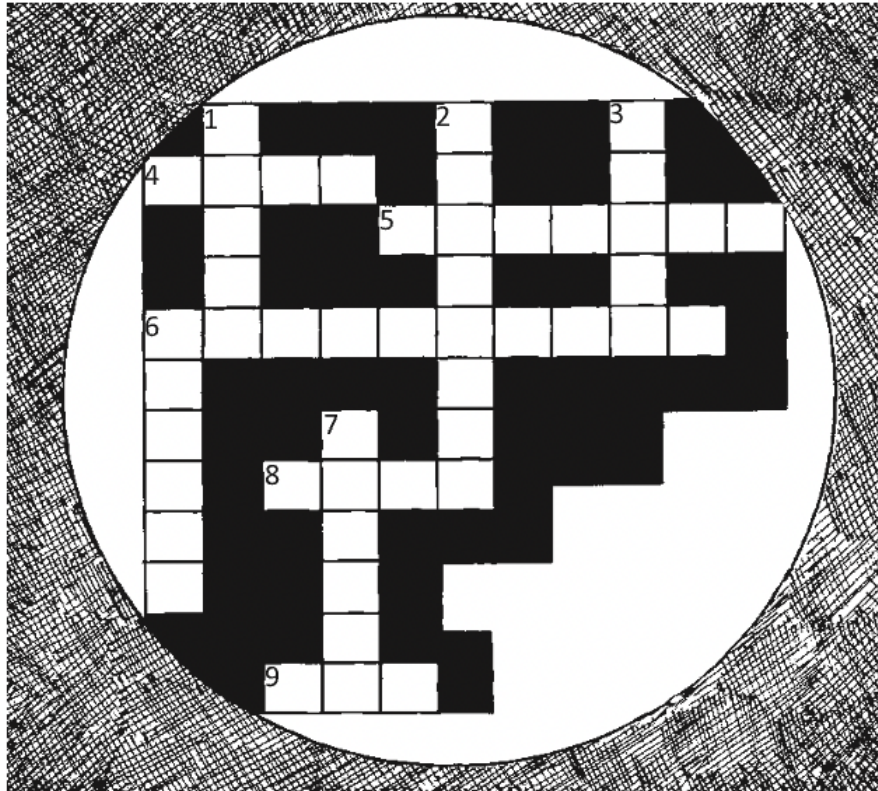
The Buddha's death, or Parinirvana, was also on a full moon day.

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The festival of Wesak celebrates the Buddha's Enlightenment. Some Buddhists also celebrate his birth and death on this day. Wesak is celebrated on the full moon day, with a special puja. The shrine is often specially decorated.





Wesak Crossword



What does Wesak celebrate? Fill in the crossword and find the answer.

ACROSS

- 1 Prince Siddhartha was _____ in May.
- 4 Another name for Enlightenment is _____.
- 5 The name for Buddhist worship is _____.
- 8 The young prince was called _____.
- 9 Wesak is on the full moon day of _____.

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- 1 The Buddha became Enlightened under the _____ tree.
- 2 The Buddha became Enlightened in the Indian month called _____.
- 3 The Buddha's _____ is known as the Parinirvana.
- 6 The _____ is specially decorated for Wesak.
- 7 Another name for Wesak is _____ Day.