



Right and Wrong teacher's notes

Material to use in this section: Story "The Lion and the Jackal" (pdf document) together with the presentation slides (Powerpoint presentation)

Aims:

- Children know the story of the Lion and the Jackal
- Children understand the message of the story, that actions have consequences and that good actions have good consequences
- Children understand the importance of being kind, generous, truthful, and helpful
- Children become familiar with the idea of saying "sorry"

The Buddha taught people how to behave through stories. Therefore "Jataka tales," the accounts **of the Buddha's former lives**, are used here in order to teach children about ethical behaviour.

Buddhists can take one or several of the Five Precepts which are five basic vows that underpin the Buddhist way of life. In this section we will not go into each of the 5 precepts in detail but rather focus on "right and wrong behaviour" in a way that is related to the daily life situations of children.

	Behaviour to be avoided	Behaviour to be cultivated
1	To refrain from killing (including animals and insects, as well as humans)	To not harm, to protect and save lives
2	To refrain from taking what is not freely given (stealing)	To be generous
3	To refrain from sexual misconduct (sexual activity that causes harm)	To have loving relationships, being loyal to your partner



4	To refrain from using harmful speech (lying, idle gossip, harsh words)	To speak truthful, kind words
5	To refrain from taking intoxicants (such as drugs and alcohol) because they cloud our mind, impair our judgement, and might lead one to break the other vows	To keep our mind clear