

The Story Room – The Story of Ruru Deer, an Ancient Indian Buddhist Tale

Please Note: By reading and studying this tale, it's not the intention of this class to teach Buddhism, but to enjoy a tale from another culture.

Materials

- Student Mammals Journal
- A sharp pencil with an eraser
- Optional: Colored pencils

Directions

1. Please read through the story found at this link:
<http://ignca.nic.in/jatak001.htm>
2. Discuss the story with your family, guardian or live class group.
3. Answer the questions below either in your journal or using the lines below.
4. Store this page in your journal.

The Story of Ruru Questions

1. Describe what Ruru looked like and his personality.

Ruru's Appearance:

Ruru's Personality:

2. What heroic deed did Ruru do one day?

3. Summarize this quote:

**The deer then said,
If this be so
Then tell this to none
That thou art saved by one**

4. Did the man keep his promise? How do we know?

5. What did the king do to the man?

6. What did the king do for Ruru?

7. Look over the artwork in the story. Either make a drawing from any of the art works or make up your own drawing of your favorite scene from the story and draw it in your mammals journal.