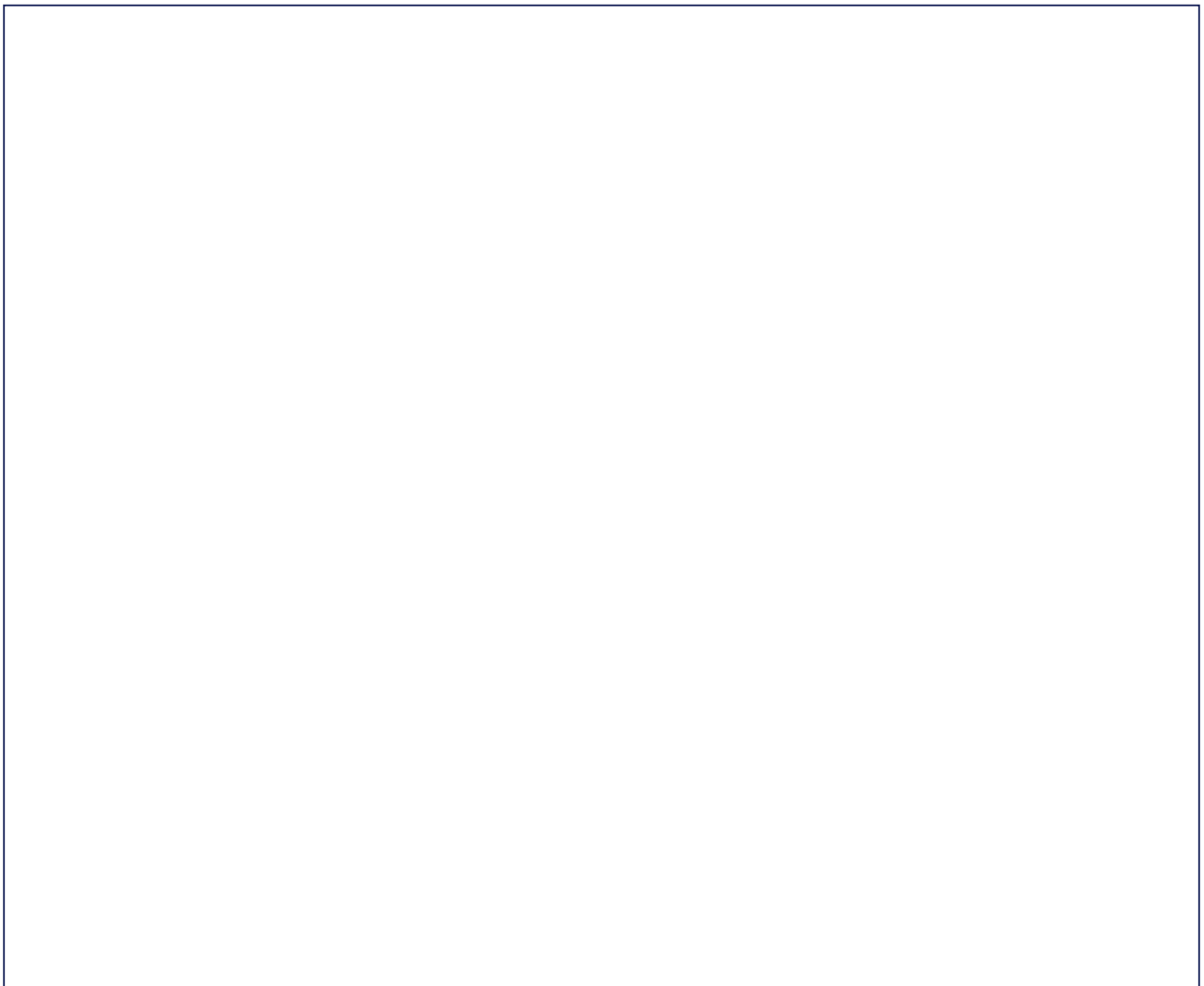


# Exploring the Buddhist Path: A Visual Journey with Ellie

*Learning objective: To identify and illustrate key symbols and features of Buddhist practice, understanding their significance in the lives of followers.*

Follow the drawing prompts below to create your own scene showing the symbols of Buddhism. Use the word bank to label your work accurately.

**Draw:** Create a peaceful, well-lit scene featuring a Buddhist home shrine. In the centre, draw a small table (the shrine) with a statue or symbol of the Buddha. Around the shrine, include a lotus flower, a meditation cushion on the floor, and a small bowl for offerings. Use patterns and soft colours to create a sense of calm. You may include Ellie the elephant sitting quietly nearby, observing the scene with her wise and kind expression.



*Label words: Dharmachakra · Lotus Flower · Meditation Cushion · Incense · Offering · Shrine*

## Steps:

1. Step 1: Draw a small shrine in the centre of your page. Why do many Buddhists choose to have a small shrine in their home? Explain your answer.
2. Step 2: Draw a Lotus Flower next to the shrine. What does the Lotus Flower represent in Buddhist teachings?

3. Step 3: Draw a Dharmachakra (Wheel of Law). How many spokes does it typically have, and what do they represent?
4. Step 4: Label your drawing using the words from the word bank provided.
5. Step 5: Write one sentence explaining why a Buddhist might use a meditation cushion in this setting.