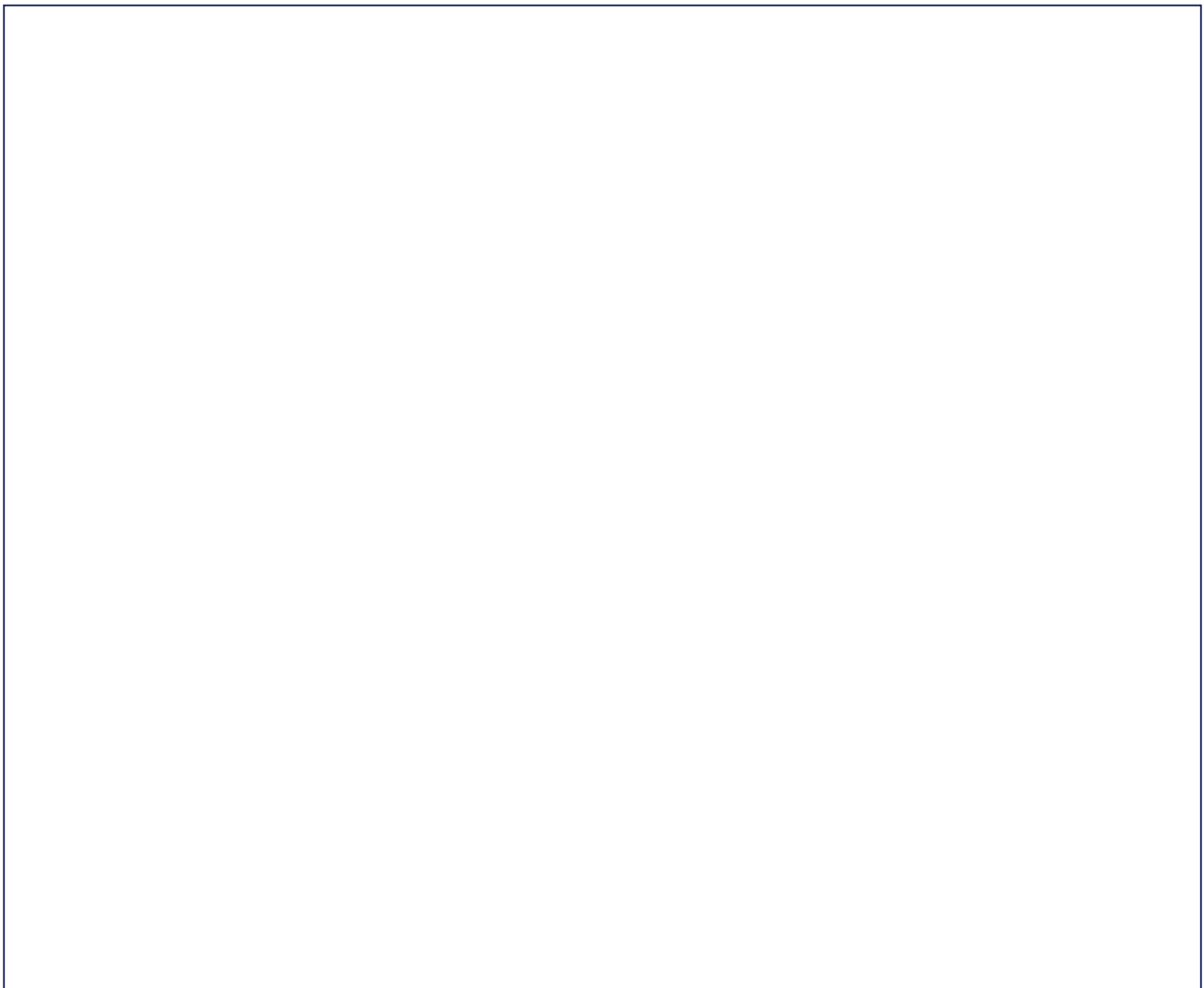


Exploring the Buddhist Path: A Visual Journey with Ellie

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 center, 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 colors 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 center 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.