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Buddha

for Little Listeners

A Colourful Journey of Questions,
Kindness and Understanding

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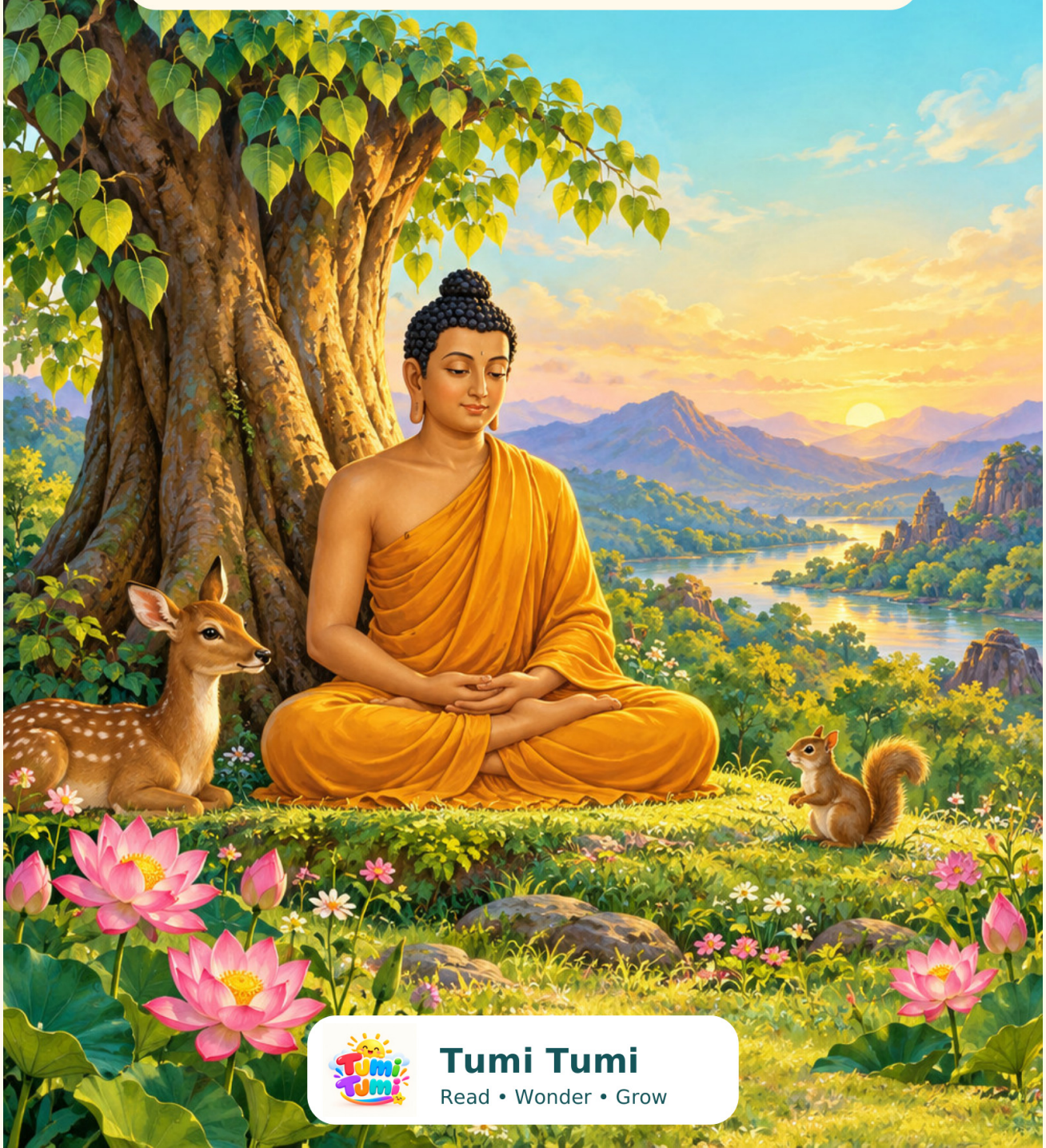

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Read • Wonder • Grow

CHAPTER 01 • A TRADITIONAL LIFE STORY

A Baby in Lumbini



Among flowers and trees, a new life begins.

Traditional biography: Buddhacarita, books I–II.

Turn the page and read the story together.

CHAPTER 01 • READ TOGETHER

A Baby in Lumbini

Long ago, in a grove at Lumbini, a baby was born. His mother was Maya. His father was Suddhodana. Traditional Buddhist stories remember the child as a prince named Siddhartha.

The grown-ups around him wondered what he might become. Would he be a ruler? Would he become a wise teacher? For now, he was a small baby who needed warmth, food and gentle arms.

Maya died when Siddhartha was still very young. His aunt, Mahapajapati Gotami, helped raise him with loving care. A family can hold both sadness and love.

Siddhartha grew up with comforts around him. Yet the story we will follow is not about collecting jewels or winning a throne. It is about learning to understand suffering and finding a path beyond it.

Lumbini is in present-day Nepal. Our journey begins there, and continues through places in ancient northern India.

LET’S THINK TOGETHER

Who helps you feel safe and cared for?