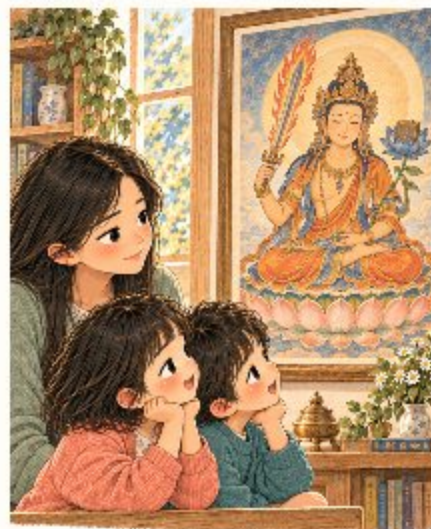


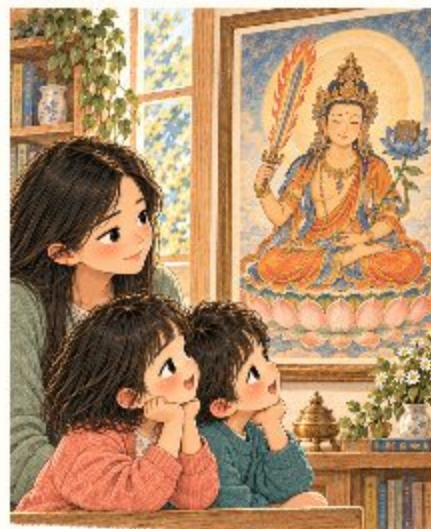
Manjushri: Ask and Look Again

Learn together, one small step.



Look closely

Does one round stone prove that every stone is round?



Story 1 / 3



In the picture, Manjushri holds a sword, and a book rests on a lotus. “Why a sword?” the boy asks. Mum explains, “Here it represents wisdom cutting through ignorance. The book also relates to wisdom. The picture is not telling us to use weapons.”

Pause and ask: What does the sword represent here?

Story 2 / 3



The boy picks up a smooth stone. "All stones must be round!" Xiaohe does not laugh. She writes it as a guess. "Shall we look at some others?" They find a nature book and another stone with rough, angular edges.

Pause and ask: Is one stone enough for that conclusion?

Story 3 / 3

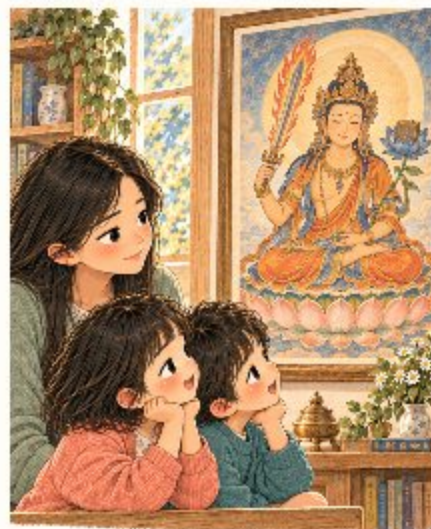


Under the magnifying glass, the edges look different. “Some stones are round, and some are not. I had only looked at one,” the boy says. Mum smiles. New evidence can help us change our minds. They name their notebook: Ask, Then Look.

Pause and ask: What new information changes the guess?

A Buddhist idea

New evidence
can change an earlier idea.



Talk together

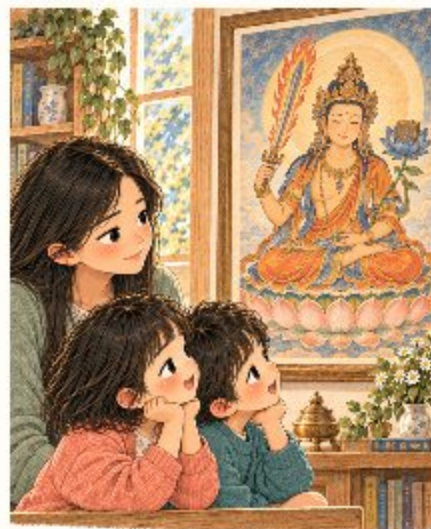
What helped the boy change his idea?

What can we say before we have enough evidence?



Try an activity

Draw what you observed and what you guessed.



For grown-ups

Read aloud, discuss and try a small activity.

Stories and exercises: BlessFu

Illustrations: AI-assisted

Full references and guidance are in the companion booklet.

