

Pavarana

Pavarana is very much a religious festival rather than a joint religious/public one. The 'Leaving the Rains' day is the only time during the year when a complete recitation of the Patimokkha (the moral code for monks) is not obligatory. Instead it is replaced by a short recitation by the wisest Abbot of the monastery.



- ① Sit down with the children and show them the series of pictures overleaf. You may wish to lay the sheets out either on a table or the floor, and then read the story.
- ② Ask the children the following questions and discuss them:-
What part of the story did you like and why?
Which pictures did you like and why?
How do you say you are sorry?
Do you think that the idea of lanterns taking away your silly thoughts and actions is a good thing?
Do you like getting new clothes?
- ③ Ask the children to discuss some of the silly things they do.
Talk about other ways of getting rid of bad thoughts and actions.
Talk about when you wear new clothes.
- ④ Ask the children to draw a picture of rains falling. You'll find a blank drawing template on iChild.

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**Pavarana is a
Buddhist celebration
held after the rains,
many of which can
last for three months.**



Monks celebrate this festival by saying sorry for all the silly things they might have done. They celebrate by releasing lanterns to send away all their sins.



They offer special prayers and say thank you to the Buddha for his teachings.



**At the end of the
celebration the
Monks are given
new robes.**



**The community
give food to the
Buddhist monks.**