

## **The Mustard Seed**

A mother was distraught over the death of her son. She brought the boy's lifeless body to Buddha, hopeful that the all-knowing one would grant her request and bring the boy to life again. Buddha gave her a task. He asked her to bring him a mustard seed from a family that had never suffered a loss. She wandered far and wide searching for such a family. But all whom she met had suffered losses. When she returned to Buddha he asked, "Have you the mustard seed? And where is your son?" She replied, "I have buried him."