

Exploring Pilgrimages: A Journey of Faith

Learning objective: To understand the meaning of pilgrimage and identify why people travel to special religious places.

Read each flashcard to learn about the significance of pilgrimages. Use the information to help Ellie the Elephant remember the key reasons why believers undertake these special journeys.

What is a pilgrimage?

A pilgrimage is a special, holy journey that a person of faith makes to a place they believe is sacred.

Why might someone go on a pilgrimage?

People go to show their devotion, to say thank you, to ask for help, or to seek peace and forgiveness.

What is a 'sacred' place?

A sacred place is a location that is considered holy or set apart for religious purposes.

What is a shrine?

A shrine is a holy place or object often visited during a pilgrimage to help people focus their prayers.

How is a pilgrimage different from a holiday?

A holiday is usually for fun and relaxation, whereas a pilgrimage is a spiritual journey focused on faith and reflection.

True or False: Pilgrimages only happen in one religion.

False. People from many different religions, such as Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, and Buddhism, go on pilgrimages.

What is reflection during a pilgrimage?

It is taking quiet time to think deeply about one's life, beliefs, and relationship with God or the divine.

What is a pilgrim?

A pilgrim is the name given to a person who is travelling on a pilgrimage.

Do all pilgrimages involve long travel?

Not always. While some require travelling across the world, others might be a shorter journey to a local church, temple, or historic site.

How does meeting other pilgrims help someone?

It helps them feel part of a wider community of people who share the same faith and values.