

Class 4 Religious Education: Understanding Pilgrimage

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

Read each question carefully. Use the word bank to help you with your answers. Write your responses clearly in the spaces provided.

A pilgrimage is a special journey undertaken by a person for a religious reason. Often, people travel to a place they consider sacred, such as a temple, a church, a mosque, or a site where a significant historical event happened. For many, this journey is a time for quiet reflection, prayer, or to show devotion to their faith. Whether travelling a short distance or crossing the globe, pilgrims often feel a deep sense of peace and connection to their community when they reach their destination.

Word bank: Pilgrimage · Sacred · Journey · Belief · Reflection · Community · Shrine · Tradition

1. Using the passage, define the word 'pilgrimage' in your own words. (2 marks)

2. List two reasons why a person might choose to go on a pilgrimage. (2 marks)

3. Max the monkey is confused. Why do you think a place is described as 'sacred' to a believer? (3 marks)

4. Give one example of how a pilgrim might prepare for their journey before they leave home. (2 marks)

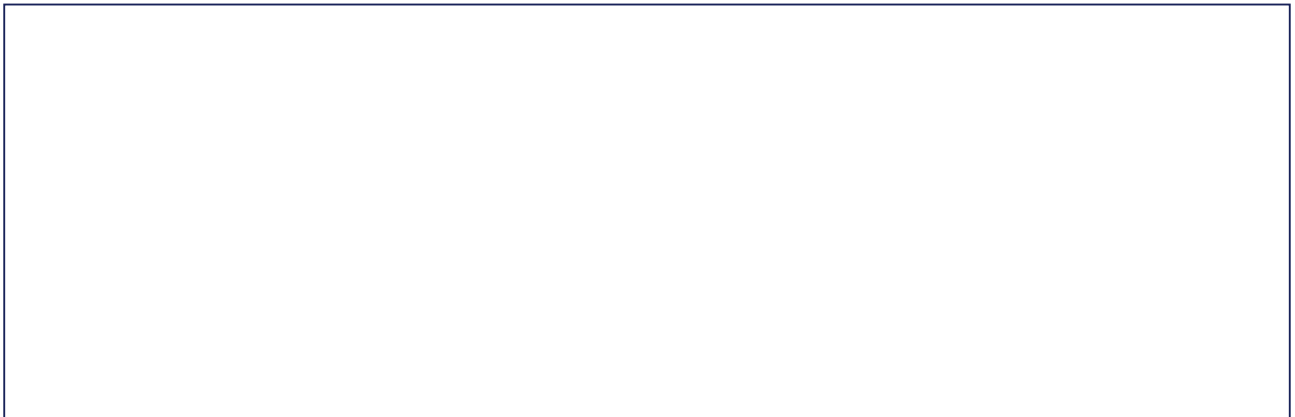
5. Explain why meeting other people from the same faith might be an important part of a pilgrimage. (3 marks)

6. Compare a holiday to a pilgrimage. How are they similar, and how are they different? (4 marks)

7. Imagine you are writing a diary entry about visiting a special, peaceful place. Describe how you would feel, what you would see, and why this place is important to you. (5 marks)

8. If a pilgrim spends £45 on train tickets, £20 on food, and £15 on a guidebook, what is the total cost of their journey? (4 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a pilgrim reaching their destination. Include one object or symbol in your drawing that represents their journey.



Extension challenge: Research a famous pilgrimage site and write three facts about why people visit it.
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