Exploring Pilgrimage: A Journey of Faith

Learning objective: To understand the meaning and significance of pilgrimage in world religions, and to identify reasons why believers undertake sacred journeys.

Read the front of each card to test your knowledge about the concept of pilgrimage. Flip the card to check your answer.

What is a pilgrimage?	**What do we call a person who goes on a pilgrimage?**
A pilgrimage is a special journey undertaken by a believer to a place considered sacred or holy.	A pilgrim.
Give one reason why a person might go on a pilgrimage.	**What does the word 'sacred' mean?**
To show devotion, to seek forgiveness, to ask for help, or to feel closer to God.	Something that is connected with God or a religion and is treated with great respect.
True or False: Pilgrimages only happen in one specific religion.	**What is a shrine?**
False. Pilgrimages are found in many different religions around the world.	A holy place dedicated to a specific saint, deity, or religious event, often visited by pilgrims.
How might a pilgrimage help a person's faith?	**Why is the journey itself often considered as important as the destination?**
It provides time for prayer, reflection, and the chance to meet other believers from different places.	Because it allows time for the pilgrim to think, pray, and prepare their heart before they arrive.
If a pilgrim saves £5 every week for a year to pay for their travel, how much will they have saved?	**What might a pilgrim do when they reach a sacred site?**
£260 (£5 x 52 weeks).	Pray, light a candle, read holy texts, or participate in a special ceremony.
Name a common feeling a pilgrim might have when they arrive at their destination.	**How does Nova the owl describe the importance of the journey?**
Peace, joy, relief, or a sense of accomplishment.	Nova says that every step on a journey is a chance to learn something new about the world and yourself.