

Religious Education: Understanding Pilgrimage

Learning objective: To identify what a pilgrimage is and explain why people choose to go on one.

Read each question carefully. Use the word bank to help you with your writing. Write your answers in the boxes provided.

A pilgrimage is a special journey that a person makes to a place that is important to their religion. People who go on these journeys are called pilgrims. They might travel to a place where a holy event happened, or to a place where they feel close to their faith. Pilgrims often go to pray, to say thank you, or to ask for help. It is a time to think about life and what is most important to them.

Word bank: Pilgrimage · Journey · Special · Place · Faith · God · Peace · Travel

1. What is the name for a person who goes on a pilgrimage? (2 marks)

2. Name one reason why a person might go on a pilgrimage. (2 marks)

3. Why is a pilgrimage different from a normal holiday? Use the word 'special' in your answer. (4 marks)

4. Nova the owl is thinking about visiting a holy site. Why might someone feel peaceful when they arrive at a place of pilgrimage? (4 marks)

5. Imagine you are a pilgrim. Write a short diary entry about your journey. Describe where you are going and why it is important to you. (8 marks)

6. True or False: A pilgrimage is always about going to a shop to buy things. (5 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of a pilgrim reaching their special place. Think about what they might see there.



Extension challenge: Total: /25. Challenge: Can you find out the name of one famous place where pilgrims travel to? Write it here: _____