

# A Journey of Faith: Pilgrimage

*Learning objective: To understand the meaning of a pilgrimage and why people choose to go on one.*

Read the text carefully. Use the word bank to help you. Fill in the answer boxes below.

Ellie the elephant loves to learn about history and the traditions of people around the world. She has been reading about something called a pilgrimage. A pilgrimage is a very special journey that a person takes for religious reasons. People who go on these journeys are called pilgrims. They travel to a place that they think is holy or sacred.

Some pilgrims travel to ancient cities, while others visit quiet mountains or beautiful temples. They might go to say thank you for something good in their lives, or to ask for help during a difficult time. Many pilgrims feel that being in a special place helps them to feel closer to their beliefs. It is not just about the place they reach at the end; it is also about the quiet time they spend thinking while they walk or travel. Some people walk for many miles, while others take a long trip by train or bus. No matter how they travel, every pilgrim feels that their journey is a way to show their devotion and love.

*Word bank: Pilgrimage · Journey · Faith · Sacred · Special · Beliefs*

**1. What is a person called when they go on a pilgrimage? (2 marks)**

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**2. Name two ways that a pilgrim might travel to a sacred place. (2 marks)**

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**3. Why might someone want to go on a pilgrimage? Use the text to help you. (2 marks)**

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**4. How do you think a person feels when they reach their special destination? (2 marks)**

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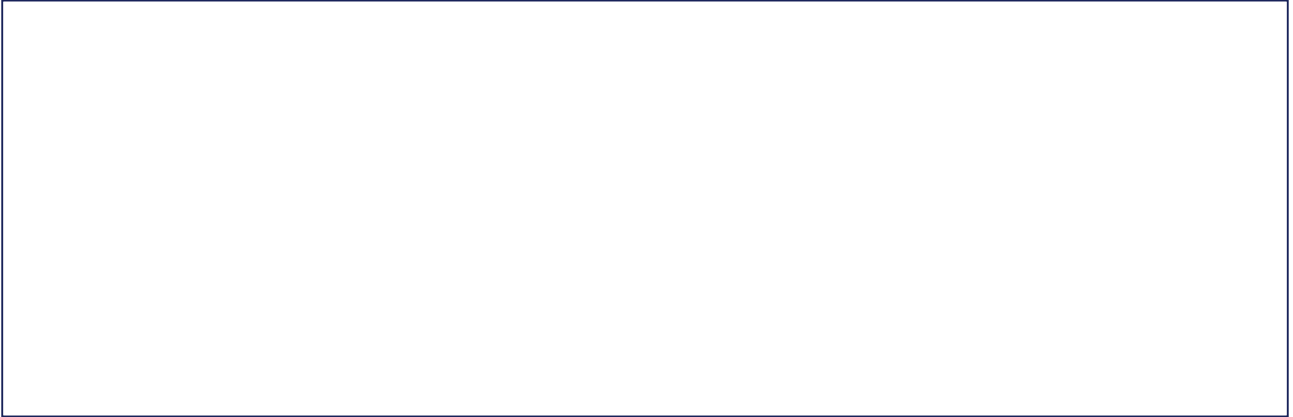
**5. Do you think a pilgrimage is a good way to show your beliefs? Why or why not? (2 marks)**

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**Draw:** Draw a picture of a pilgrim walking along a path towards a beautiful, peaceful mountain. Add a sun and some trees.



*Extension challenge: Imagine you are going on a special journey to a place you love. Write two sentences about where you would go and why it is special to you.*