Journeys of Faith: The Pilgrimage Path

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

About 15 minutes. Grown-up tip: Talk about a place that is special to your family and why you enjoy visiting it.

A pilgrimage is a special journey to a place that is important to a person's faith. Below are six statements about why people might go on a pilgrimage. Your task is to sort these into 'Reasons for a Journey' or 'Just a Holiday'. Use the word bank to help you complete the sentences.

Word bank: reflection · faith · sacred · gratitude · prayer · community

1. 1. Someone travels to a place they consider holy or _____ to feel closer to God. (1 mark)

2. 2. A person might go on a pilgrimage to spend time in quiet _____ and thinking. (1 mark)

3. 3. Some people travel to show _____ for something good that happened in their life. (1 mark)

4. 4. Many pilgrims travel together to meet others who share the same _____. (1 mark)

5. 5. Why is a pilgrimage different from a beach holiday at the seaside? Explain in one sentence. (2 marks)

6. 6. Which item would you take on a long, slow walk for a pilgrimage: a heavy toy or a comfortable pair of walking boots? Why? (2 marks)

Draw: An illustration of Ellie the elephant wearing a sun hat and carrying a walking stick, standing on a path leading towards a distant, peaceful mountain.

Extension challenge: Imagine you were going on a journey to a place that feels special to you. Write a list of three things you would pack in your bag and explain why you chose each item.

I did it! Name: _____ Date: _____

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