Journeys of Faith: Discovering Pilgrimage

About 15 minutes. Grown-up tip: Ask your child which place makes them feel calm and happy, and explain that a pilgrimage is about finding that feeling in a holy place.

Explore this poster with Ellie the Elephant to learn about special journeys. A pilgrimage is a journey to a place that is considered holy or special. Think of it like travelling to a place that helps you feel closer to your beliefs.

- **A pilgrimage is a special journey to a place that is considered sacred. Why might someone choose to go on a pilgrimage?**
- **People who go on a pilgrimage are called pilgrims. They often visit places that are special to their religion.**
- **Many pilgrims visit places like Jerusalem, Mecca, or Varanasi to pray and reflect on their life.**
- **During a pilgrimage, people often spend time thinking about their faith and how to be a kinder person.**
- **Some pilgrims keep a diary or collect a small token from the place they visited to remember their journey.**
- **A pilgrimage is not just about the destination; it is also about the time spent travelling and learning along the way.**

Did you know? Did you know? Pilgrims have been making special journeys for thousands of years! Some walk for hundreds of miles, while others travel by train or bus to reach a place that matters deeply to them.

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