My Pilgrimage Journey Planner

Learning objective: I can explain what a pilgrimage is and why it is important to some religious believers.

About 15 minutes. Grown-up tip: Discuss a journey your family has taken that felt special or significant to help your child understand the concept of a 'journey with a purpose'.

A pilgrimage is a special journey to a place that is considered holy or important to a person's faith. Use this template to plan a journey for a character.

Worked Example: If you were visiting a historic cathedral, you might write: 'I am travelling to Canterbury Cathedral to feel closer to God and learn about the history of my faith.'

Word bank: holy · journey · sacred · faith · reflection · tradition · destination · purpose

1. The Purpose: Explain what a pilgrimage is in your own words. (2 marks)

2. The Destination: Describe the place you are visiting. Why is it a special site for someone of faith? (2 marks)

3. The Journey: How might a pilgrim prepare for their journey? Think about what they might bring or how they might feel. (3 marks)

4. The Experience: What might a visitor do once they arrive at their destination? Mention at least two activities. (2 marks)

5. The Reflection: Why do you think people choose to go on a difficult or long journey for their faith? (3 marks)

Draw: Draw a map showing the route a pilgrim might take to reach a special, peaceful place of worship.

Extension challenge: Research a famous pilgrimage site like Lourdes, Makkah, or Varanasi. Write three interesting facts you discovered about it.

I did it! Name: _____ Date: _____

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