Journeys of Faith: Exploring Pilgrimage

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

About 15 minutes. Grown-up tip: Talk to your child about a journey they have taken that felt special or significant to them.

Read each question carefully. A pilgrimage is a special journey to a place that a believer thinks is holy. Some people travel to show their love for a faith, to say thank you, or to find peace. Remember to give clear reasons for your answers.

Word bank: Pilgrimage · Holy · Journey · Believer · Special · Faith

1. What is the main meaning of the word 'pilgrimage'? Write your answer in one full sentence. (2 marks)

2. Ellie the elephant is learning about why people go on a pilgrimage. List two reasons why someone might choose to go on such a long journey. (2 marks)

3. Imagine you are planning a special journey to a place that is important to you. Which place would you choose, and why would you want to go there? Give a reason for your choice. (3 marks)

4. Some pilgrims travel on foot to show they are serious. How might the difficulty of a long walk change how a person feels when they finally arrive? (2 marks)

5. Do you think a pilgrimage is more about the final place you visit, or the journey you take to get there? Explain your thoughts using evidence from what you have learned. (3 marks)

Draw: A peaceful path leading towards a mountain or a beautiful building, with a small figure walking along it with a backpack.

Extension challenge: Research one famous place of pilgrimage, such as Lourdes, Mecca, or Varanasi. Create a fact file including the name of the place and why people visit it.

I did it! Name: _____ Date: _____

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