

Year 4 RE Knowledge Organiser: Pilgrimages

Prior Knowledge

EYFS: What places are special and why?
 Year 1: 1.4 Symbols in religious worship and practice
 Year 2: 2.3 Belonging
 Year 3: 3.2 Religion, Family and Community: Prayer
 Year 3: 3.3 Worship and Sacred places

Subsequent Knowledge

Year 6: Unit 6.2: Religion, world views, family and community.
 Year 6: Unit 6.4: Beliefs in action in the world : What was the Kindertransport? Who resisted and rescued? How can we be Upstanders today?

Key Vocabulary

pilgrimage	A journey to a special place that is important for religious reasons. A person who goes on a pilgrimage is called a pilgrim.
Christianity	One of the world's main religions. Followers are called Christians.
Buddhism	The religion followed by Buddhists.
Hinduism	The religion followed by Hindus.
holy	Something or somewhere that is dedicated to or associated with God or a religious purpose.
miracle	Something extraordinary and positive that is believed to happen because of another power, such as a god.
sacred	Something that is connected with God or a god.

What Is a Pilgrimage?

A **pilgrimage** is a special journey to a place that is important for religious reasons. Different religions have different special places that **pilgrimages** are made to. All places of **pilgrimage** are considered to be **sacred** and **holy** and they can be places where **miracles** have taken place.



Buddhist Pilgrimages



Pilgrimages are very important in **Buddhism**. The most important **Buddhist pilgrimage** sites are called the 'Eight Great Places'. They are: Rajgir, Bodh Gaya, Sarnath, Vaishali, Sankassa, Kusinara, Shravasti and Lumbini. Four of these are believed to be where **miracles** took place.



Christian Pilgrimages



There are different views on **pilgrimage** in **Christianity**. For some Christians, going on **pilgrimage** is important, whereas others do not believe it is that important. Christians who go on **pilgrimages** visit places that are in the New Testament in the Bible, or are linked with saints or **miracles**. **Pilgrimages** include Lourdes in France and Bethlehem.



Hindu Pilgrimages



Pilgrimage is an important part of **Hinduism**. Hindus go on **pilgrimages** to several places, including temples and mountains. Once every 12 years, millions of people share in ritual bathing at the Kumbh Mela festival. This is held where the waters of the Ganges and Yamuna rivers combine. The River Ganges is the **holiest** river for Hindus.

