Pilgrimage Knowledge Organiser

What is a pilgrimage?

- A pilgrimage is a special journey made for religious reasons.
- People go on pilgrimage to pray, give thanks, think deeply, or feel closer to God.
- Pilgrimage is important in different religions.

Pilgrimage in different religions

- **Islam:** The Hajj is a pilgrimage to Makkah.
- **Christianity:** Christians may visit Jerusalem and Bethlehem because they are linked to Jesus.
- **Hinduism:** Many Hindus visit the River Ganges and the city

Important places

- **Makkah** – the most important place in Islam for Hajj
- **Kaaba** – a very important building in Makkah
- **Jerusalem** – an important city for Christians
- **Bethlehem** – the place where Jesus was born
- **River Ganges** – a sacred river in India
- **Varanasi** – a holy city on the River Ganges



The Kaaba in Makkah



Jerusalem



River Ganges



Word	Meaning
pilgrimage	a special journey to a holy place
holy	very special for religious reasons
sacred	very special and important in a religion
journey	travelling from one place to another
religion	a set of beliefs about God or gods and how to live
belief	something a person thinks is true
community	a group of people who belong together
ritual	a special action people do in a religion
prayer	talking to God or showing thoughts and feelings in a religious way
belonging	feeling that you are part of a group
Hajj	the Muslim pilgrimage to Makkah
Makkah	a very important holy place for Muslims
Kaaba	the important building in Makkah

Did you know?

- Muslims try to do Hajj once in their lifetime if they can.
- During Hajj, Muslims wear special white clothes called ihram.
- The Kaaba is in the middle of Makkah.
- Jerusalem is special to Christians because of events in Jesus's life.
- Many Hindus think the River Ganges is holy and powerful.