



Life as a Journey and Pilgrimage

RE
Year 6
Autumn Term

Overview

In this unit, pupils will be given an opportunity to think about the idea that life is a journey and what it means to make that journey as a Christian. They will consider the rites of passage that Christians undertake, such as baptism. They will consider in what ways having faith gives meaning and purpose to the journey of life. They will begin to understand the concept of undertaking a religious pilgrimage. They will investigate why people go on a pilgrimage and some of the places they visit, for example Israel; Lourdes in France; Santiago de Compostela in Spain; Lindisfarne and Walsingham in England as well places of pilgrimage for people of other faiths, such as Mecca.



Questions I wonder about
the Christian Journey and Pilgrimage:

Enquiry skills and concepts:

In this unit, the pupils will:

- **Reflect** - on feelings, relationships, experience, ultimate questions, beliefs and practices
- **Investigate** - ask relevant questions; know how to use different types of sources as a way of gathering information; know what may constitute evidence for understanding religions
- **Synthesise** - link significant features of religion together in coherent ways

Topic Vocabulary

Holy Land: *an area roughly located between the Jordan River and the Mediterranean Sea that also includes the Eastern Bank of the Jordan River. It is also known as the Biblical land of Israel and the region of Palestine*

immersion: *the act of putting something or someone completely under the surface of a liquid*

journey: *an act of travelling from one place to another*

miracle: *an extraordinary and welcome event that is not explained by known laws and is therefore attributed to God*

pilgrimage: *a journey, especially a long one, made to some sacred place as an act of religious devotion*

rite of passage: *a ceremony or event marking an important stage in someone's life, especially birth, the transition from childhood to adulthood, marriage, and death*

Religious vocabulary

believe: *accept that something is true*

Christian: *someone who follows the teachings of Jesus Christ*

faith: *complete trust in someone or something*

Jesus: *the Son of God*