

Pilgrimage: Why do some people see this as important?

Word	Definition
pilgrimage	A journey to a holy place
pilgrim	A person who goes on a pilgrimage
Bethlehem	Place where Christians believe Jesus was born
Lourdes	Place in France; Christians believe to have holy
River Ganges	River in India
Hajj	Islamic pilgrimage
Mecca	City in Saudi Arabia: Holiest city in Islam



Key Knowledge and Concepts

People choose to go on a pilgrimage to a holy site to deepen their connection to God.

Christians go on a pilgrimage to Bethlehem where they believe Jesus was born.

Christians believe the spring water from Lourdes can heal the sick.



Hindus go on a pilgrimage to the River Ganges in India to purify themselves in the water.

The ancient city of Varanasi is sacred as it is believed to be the home of Lord Shiva.

The Hajj is an annual Islamic pilgrimage to Mecca.

The Hajj is a pillar of Islam, required of all Muslims once in a lifetime.

Sikhs go on a pilgrimage to The Golden Temple (Harmandir) at Amritsar in India.

