

**Key Questions:** What is a pilgrimage? What does pilgrimage involve? What is the point of a pilgrimage – the travelling or the destination? What is the environmental impact of pilgrimage?

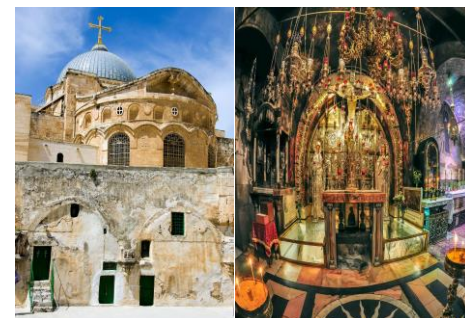
**Prior Knowledge and Overview:** *Children will have learned about the Christian, Muslim and Hindu beliefs about God. In this unit, Pilgrimage, children will learn how peoples' beliefs impact the way they live; they will learn about the significance of the special places people visit during a pilgrimage and will study and contemplate the environmental impact and sustainable projects surrounding pilgrimages.*

**Jewish people** make a pilgrimage to pray at the **Western Wall** – the last remaining part of the original **Jewish Temple** in Jerusalem. **Jewish** people go there as a reminder of their history, but also to give them a link with what they believe to be the holiest site in **Judaism** – the **Temple**. Jewish people believe that it is the **closest** they can get to the **presence of God**.



**What is a pilgrimage and what does a pilgrimage involve?**

A pilgrimage is a sacred journey that has religious or spiritual significance



The third most holy site for **Muslims**, the place of the **Dome of the Rock** and the **al-Asqa mosque** in **Jerusalem**. **Muslims** believe it to be the place to which the **Prophet Muhammad** travelled during his night journey and the place from which he ascended to heaven.



**Kumbh Mela** is one of the biggest Hindu festivals which is held every 12 years in India. It's a pilgrimage in which devotees take in the hope of washing away their past sins. Millions of pilgrims come together to take a holy dip in the River Ganges.



**In Christianity, Jerusalem** is important because it is the site of some of Jesus' teaching and of his death and resurrection. The Church of the Holy Sepulchre, believed to be the site of Jesus' crucifixion and burial, and the Garden of Gethsemane are key pilgrimage sites for Christians visiting Jerusalem.

