



Year 3 Religious Education: Pilgrimage

Would visiting the River Ganges feel special to a non-Hindu?



Key Vocabulary	
Brahman	Brahman is the Ultimate Reality, the supreme God.
River Ganges	The most sacred river in India. Hindus believe the river is holy and taking a dip in it will cleanse them of their sins and bring salvation.
Varansi	The most sacred city in India.
pilgrimage	Making a journey to a holy place in order to feel closer to God.
Kumbh Mela	A Hindu festival celebrating the victory of gods over demons. The fight between Gods and Demons went on for twelve days and twelve nights equal to twelve human years. That is why Kumbh Mela is celebrated every twelve years.
pilgrim	A pilgrim is different from a tourist: they travel for spiritual reasons, not just to relax or for fun.
tourist	Someone who travels to relax or for fun.
sacred	Something that is believed to be holy and has a special connection with God.

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Key Skills
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain why water is important. Describe a Hindu ritual that happens at/in the River Ganges and explain why this is important and significant to the Hindus taking part in it. Empathise with the special feelings a Hindu might experience when taking part in a ritual at the River Ganges.

Sticky Knowledge

- The most famous Hindu pilgrimage is the Kumbh Mela, which takes place at the River Ganges in India.
- Up to 40 million people come to purify themselves in the water, the biggest gathering of people on Earth.
- Hindus try to do at least one pilgrimage in their lifetime.

There are many different places for Hindus to go on pilgrimage. Rivers, mountains and temples linked to different gods and goddesses are all popular places to visit.