Buddhist Pilgrimages
Aim

• I can explain the role of pilgrimage in Buddhism.

Success Criteria

• I can explain what Buddhists believe about pilgrimages.
• I can answer questions about the significance of the Eight Great Places.
Journeys

What is a journey?

When and why have you gone on a journey?
What Is a Pilgrimage?

A pilgrimage is a special type of journey.

It is a journey, usually a long one for many people, to a special place that is important for religious reasons.

These special places are considered sacred (connected with God or a god).

They are different to places of worship (such as churches or temples) as they are considered to be important by everyone in the religion.

Some, or all, people belonging to the religion would want to make the journey to that special place at some point in their lives.
Buddhism and Pilgrimages

Pilgrimages are very important in Buddhism.

Altogether, the most important Buddhist pilgrimage sites are known as the ‘Eight Great Places’.
Buddhism and Pilgrimages

Information about these locations has been hidden around the classroom.

Can you find them all?

Four of the eight locations are believed to be where miracles took place.
Click on each location to find out why it is one of the Eight Great Places. Click on the location again to make the box pop down before you choose a new location.

**Lumbini**
Place of Buddha's birth.

**Shravasti**
Major city where Buddha spent a great deal of time. He performed two miracles where flames came from his upper body and streams of water from his lower body.

**Sankassa**
Place where Buddha came down to earth from heaven.

**Kusinara**
Place where Buddha died.

**Vaishali**
Place where Buddha was given the gift of a bowl of honey by a band of monkeys.

**Sarnath**
Place where Buddha delivered his first teaching.

**Bodh Gaya**
Place where Buddha gained enlightenment (reaching a state of perfection).

**Rajgir**
Buddha subdued an angry elephant through friendliness.

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