



**Enquiry Question: Does completing a pilgrimage make a person a better Muslim?**

Worldview/Faith  
– Islam



In this unit, children will look at the special journey Muslims take to their holy places – this pilgrimage is known as the Hajj.

- **Allah** – Muslim name for God
- **Pilgrimage** – a special or religious journey
- **Hajj** – pilgrimage to Makkah – Muslims are expected to go once in a lifetime if possible.
- **Ihram** – plain clothes worn to show everyone is equal.
- **Makkah** – Holy city Muslims face when they pray.
- **Ka'bah** – building in Makkah which Muslims face when praying

- When on pilgrimage Muslims put away their usual clothes and signs of wealth like jewellery and wear white seamless garments known as Ihram. This is a symbol of equality, a key Islamic belief that Allah created everyone as equals.
- The Hajj takes place every year usually during one particular month. Pilgrims visit important key places in and around Makkah like the Ka'bah, Mina and the plain of Arafat.
- The pilgrimage is hard work and is a very emotional time for most Muslims.



Islam started in Makkah in Saudi Arabia when the prophet Muhammad was chosen by Allah to tell people to live their lives in a way that God would want. As Islam spread around the world Muslims have made sure they never forget the importance of Makkah, the place where Islam began.



There are 5 pillars of Islam on which the religion is built. The other four pillars include:

- Shahadah – statement of faith
- Salat – prayer
- Zakat – giving.
- Sawm - fasting
- **Hajj** - the pilgrimage to Makkah.



Every Muslim is expected to make the special journey to Makkah in Saudi Arabia once in a lifetime. For Muslims who live far away, the chance to visit these special places is very important to them and they work towards this by saving money often over many years. Each day Muslims think of pilgrimage as they face Makkah each time they pray – this happens at least five times a day



- Do I have a special place?
- Where in the world would I like to visit, why?
- Why might people want to visit certain places?
- What might they do when they are there?