

Pilgrimage Extension Work

1. Where did Reverend Margaret travel to on her pilgrimage? Why was she doing this?
2. How did the group travel?
3. Why do the pilgrims wear a shell? How was the shell used in the past?
4. How was the pilgrim route marked?
5. Why were the wayside churches built? How did the group use them?
6. Why did the group begin and end each day with prayer?
7. "The Christian life is a pilgrimage." What does this mean?
8. Describe how the good and bad things that happened on the pilgrimage made Reverend Margaret think about God.
9. What did the pilgrims do when they got to the church at Santiago de Compostela?
10. Describe the Bottafumerio. Why is incense burned? What does the Bible say about this?
11. Look at the 'Places of Pilgrimage' page. Use the Internet to find out about another place of Christian pilgrimage. Why did it become important? Why do Christians go there today? What do they see when they get there?

PILGIMAGE – PERSONAL SEARCH

1. Places of Pilgrimage become "special" because of something that happened there. Many of them are also peaceful and beautiful places that help people pray and think about God.
2. Have you somewhere that is "special" to you – perhaps because of happy memories, or because it is peaceful and beautiful?
3. Life itself can be thought of as a pilgrimage – a journey with meaning. Things happen along the way – good and bad – that shape the people we become. For Christians some are marked in special ways (birth, becoming a Christian, marriage, serious illness, death).
4. What do you think are really important moments in life's journey? What have been important to you? Can unhappy experiences sometimes make us better people? How?
5. Several religions – including Christianity – believe that, after death, God will reward or punish people according to the way that they have lived their life. How would such ideas give "meaning" to life or affect the way that people live? What do you think? Is life like a "journey with meaning"?