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**This Topic learning outcomes are to know and understand:**

\* Everyone has a special place

• Special places for Jesus and the Christian community

**Scripture:** Ephesians 2: 20-22) You too are built upon the foundation laid by the apostles and prophets, the cornerstones being Christ Jesus himself. He is the one who holds the whole building together and makes it grow into a sacred temple dedicated to the Lord. In union with him, you too are being built together with all the others into a place where God lives through his Spirit.

Special Places

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REFLECTION

Creator God, in your hands you hold the depths of the earth and the heights of the mountains, for all creation belongs to you. Grant us grace to cherish your world and wisdom to nurture its resources. Save us from the desire to control what is not ours and the impulse to possess what is not ours and the impulse to possess what is there to share.

Amen.

Discipleship

**OUR BIG QUESTION**

What is good news?

**KEY VOCABULARY**

world pilgrim pilgrimage universal

temple Nazareth

**Key Questions**

Where is special for me?

How do places become special?

What makes a place special?

The Christian community has many special places: places where people gather for prayer and worship. Places are holy because of their association with Jesus or holy people; places of pilgrimage. : Pilgrimages evoke our earthly journey towards heaven and are traditionally very special occasions for renewal in prayer. For pilgrims seeking living water, shrines are special places for living the forms of Christian prayer ‘in Church’.