

# Adventure Club

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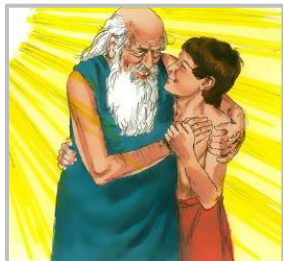
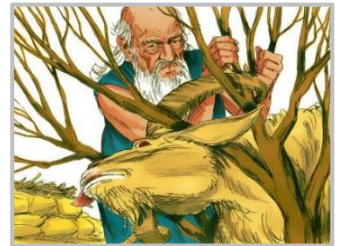
## Abraham travels to a Mountain in Moriah

‘Some time later God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied. Then God said, “Take your son, your only son, whom you love—Isaac—and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you.”

Early the next morning Abraham got up and loaded his donkey. He took with him two of his servants and his son Isaac. When he had cut enough wood for the burnt offering, he set out for the place God had told him about. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place in the distance. He said to his servants, “Stay here with the donkey while I and the boy go over there. We will worship and then we will come back to you.” Abraham took the wood for the burnt offering and placed it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife.

As the two of them went on together, Isaac spoke up and said to his father Abraham, “Father?” “Yes, my son?” Abraham replied. “The fire and wood are here,” Isaac said, “but where is the lamb for the burnt offering?” Abraham answered, “God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them went on together. When they reached the place God had told him about, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then he reached out his hand and took the knife to slay his son.

But the angel of the LORD called out to him from heaven, “Abraham! Abraham!” “Here I am,” he replied. “Do not lay a hand on the boy,” he said. “Do not do anything to him. Now I know that you fear God, because you have not withheld from me your son, your only son.” Abraham looked up and there in a thicket he saw a ram caught by its horns. He went over and took the ram and sacrificed it as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place The LORD Will Provide. And to this day it is said, “On the mountain of the LORD it will be provided.”



The angel of the LORD called to Abraham from heaven a second time and said, “I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed, because you have obeyed me.”’

Genesis 22:1-18

*New International Version*

‘Who may live on Your holy mountain?

- The one who walks with integrity,
- who does what is right,
- and speaks truth in his heart.’

Psalm 15:1-2, Based on the *Tree of Life Version*

‘I lift up my eyes to the mountains.

Where does my help come from?

My help comes from the LORD,  
the Maker of heaven and earth.’

Psalm 121:1-2, *New International Version*

# Mountain Safety

Before you journey up any mountain it's very important to check the local safety guides. They will advise of you such things as: Tell someone where you are going; Check the weather forecast; Wear suitable clothing and footwear; Carry food and drink; Take the right equipment

with you, such as a map, compass, torch, mobile (can't always be relied upon), first aid kit, pen, paper, whistle, etc; Don't go alone; Have a back-up plan; Stay together (except in an emergency); Allow plenty of time to get off the mountain before dark; Go the pace of the slowest; Don't run down hills; Take your rubbish home with you, etc, etc. Enjoy mountains, but respect them and stay safe.



Credit: Yvonne Batten, Pinterest

**‘Now that I’ve put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand – shine!’** Matt 5:14, *Message*

‘You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden.’ Matthew 5:14, *New King James Version*

Safed is a town in Galilee. Located at an elevation of about 900 metres, Safed is the highest town in Israel. Due to its high elevation, Safed experiences warm summers and cold, often snowy, winters. It has been suggested that Jesus' statement ‘a city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden’ may have referred to Safed?



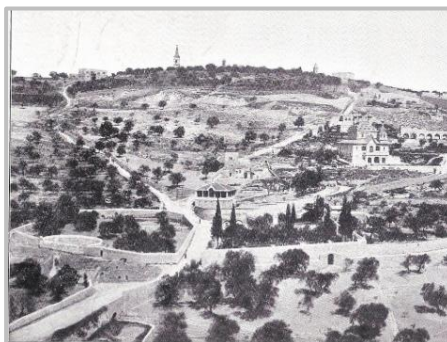
## Mt Ararat



‘Then the ark rested in the seventh month, the seventeenth day of the month, on the mountains of Ararat. And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month.’

Gen. 8:4-5 *New King James Version*  
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## Mt of Olives



‘Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen.’

Luke 19:37 *New King James Version*  
Picture taken about 1898.

## Mt Hermon



‘See how good and pleasant it is when brothers and sisters live together in harmony! It is like dew on Mount Hermon, dew which comes down on Zion’s mountains. That is where the LORD promised the blessing of eternal life.’

Psalms 133:1, 3 *God's Word Translation*  
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# ABRAHAM and ISAAC on MT MORIAH

(GENESIS 22:1-18)

## Word Search

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ANGEL OF THE LORD  
BLESSED  
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GOD  
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HIMSELF  
ISAAC  
LAMB

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OBEYED  
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PROVIDE  
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WOOD  
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What rested/settled on **Mt Sinai**?

Exodus 24:16

Who died on **Mt Nebo**?

Deuteronomy 34:1-5

Who said on **Mt Carmel**: maybe your god is travelling or asleep?

1 Kings 17:20-40

Is **Mt Zion** the 'joy of the whole earth'?

Psalms 48:2

Who were Peter, James and John told to listen to on a **high mountain**?

Matt. 17:1-8  
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## Sermon on the Mount (Introduction)

‘Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.”

“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.”

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.”

“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.”

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.”

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.”

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.” ’

Matthew 5:1-12 *New King James Version*



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## Mars’ Hill / The Areopagus

‘Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was stirred within him when he saw the city wholly given to idolatry. Therefore he disputed in the synagogue with the Jews, and with the devout persons, and in the marketplace daily with those who met with him. Then certain philosophers of the Epicureans and of the Stoics encountered him. And some said, “What will this babbler say?” And some others said, “He seems to be a proclaimer of strange gods,” because he preached unto them Jesus and the resurrection.

And they took him and brought him unto the Areopagus, saying, “May we know what this new doctrine is whereof you speak? For you bring certain strange things to our ears, and we would know therefore what these things mean.” (For all the Athenians and strangers who were there spent their time in nothing else than either telling or hearing some new thing.)



Credit: Carole Raddato

Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars’ Hill and said, “You men of Athens, I perceive that in all things you are too superstitious. For as I passed by and beheld your devotions, I found an altar with this inscription: ‘To the Unknown God’. Whom therefore you worship in ignorance, Him I declare unto you. God who made the world and all things therein.” ’

Acts 17:16-24, Based on 21<sup>st</sup> Century King James Version

See if you can memorize some, or all, of these words:

‘In the last days the mountain on which the Lord’s Temple stands will become the most important of all mountains. It will be raised above the hills. And people from all nations will come streaming to it.’

Isaiah 2:2, *International Children’s Bible*

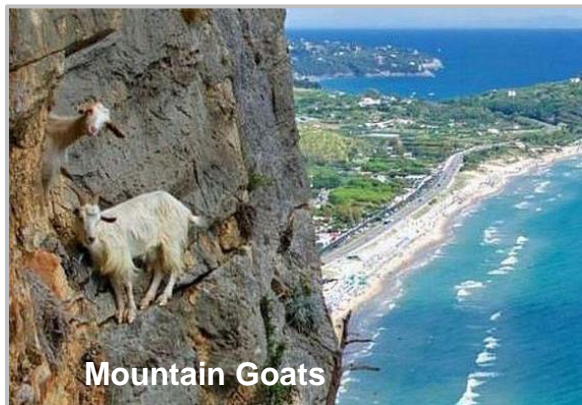
# The Hill called Difficulty

An extract from John Bunyan's *Pilgrims Progress*

'The three continued together, until they reached a cross-roads. One wide road went left; another wide road went right; but the narrow road went straight on – up the great, black Hill Difficulty. Which road would they all choose? Mr On-the-Surface chose to go left, which led him into a dark wood. This road was called Danger, and he lost his way for ever. Mr Pretender chose to go right, which led him onto rough ground, full of hummocks and holes. This road was called Ruin. He stumbled and fell, and never got up again. Christian looked at both the other roads, and then started to walk briskly straight up the hill. But soon he was wondering if he'd made a good choice. He went from running to walking; from walking to clambering; and soon it was so steep he was slithering on his hands and knees. Half-way to the top, just as he was about to give up, he spied a shelter for tired pilgrims, built by the Lord of the Hill.'



Adventure Camp next to a statue of John Bunyan in Bedford in 2015.



Mountain Goats



Family of Hyraxes

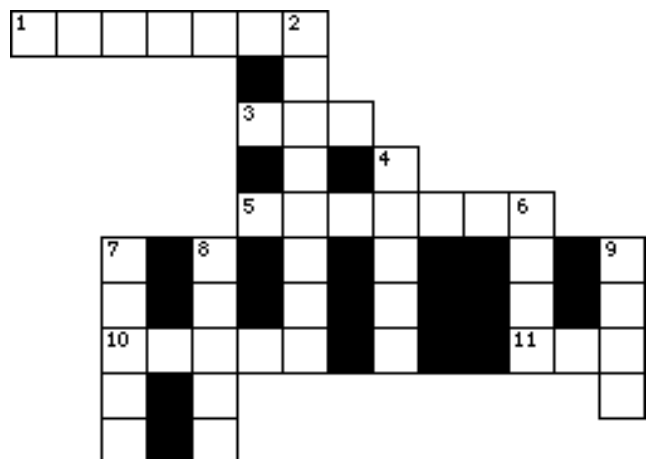
'The high mountains belong to the wild goats; the crags are a refuge for the hyrax.'

Psalm 104:18  
Christian Standard Bible

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(GENESIS 22:1-18)

- 8 DOWN "By \_\_\_\_\_ Abraham" HEBREWS 11:17  
4 DOWN "your only son \_\_\_\_\_ whom you love" GENESIS 22:2  
3 ACROSS "place of which \_\_\_\_\_ had told him" GENESIS 22:3  
10 ACROSS "Then on the \_\_\_\_\_ day Abraham" GENESIS 22:4  
1 ACROSS "yonder and \_\_\_\_\_ and we will come" GENESIS 22:5  
9 DOWN "where is the \_\_\_\_\_ for a burnt?" GENESIS 22:7  
5 ACROSS "God will provide for \_\_\_\_\_ the lamb." GENESIS 22:8  
7 DOWN "Abraham built an \_\_\_\_\_ there" GENESIS 22:9  
6 DOWN "know that you \_\_\_\_\_ God, seeing" GENESIS 22:12  
11 ACROSS "behind him was a \_\_\_\_\_ caught" GENESIS 22:13  
2 DOWN "Mount of the LORD it shall be \_\_\_\_\_ " GENESIS 22:14



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