



The BIG Top on Monday

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Not such a dream coat?

News Headlines

Meet the Leaders



The main Leaders for each section of The BIG Top are Elizabeth Hicks (Rainbow Tent; 3s), Pam Chapman (The Marquee; 4-5s), Candice Maudlin (The Ring; 5-7s), and Claire Fletcher (The Arena; 8-11s). There are many other voluntary leaders and helpers from local churches working in The BIG Top.

Pyramid Rock

The theme of this year's The BIG Top is "Pyramid Rock – the Bible story of Joseph". In the middle of The BIG Top we have two giant pyramids, a joke hungry Sphinx, and two camel puppets. Each day the children will hear an episode from the story of Joseph. They will learn how God looked after him and his family even in tough times.

Group Names

This year our groups are called Tribes and they have names like Benjamin, Dan, Judah and Zebulun. These Tribe names for are selected from the names of Joseph's brothers and other relatives.

Ancient Jokes

We are hunting for ancient jokes! So write them down, bring them in, and put them in the mouth of the Sphinx. The best will be read out each day to all the Tribes.

Craftwork

Today all the children throughout The BIG Top made multi-coloured coats starting with plain T-shirts which they decorated in all sorts of ways. They used stick on felt, tinsel, coloured material, pens – anything which caught their fancy! If they haven't brought their multi-coloured coat home today, it is because it is drying overnight. Encourage them to wear their multi-coloured coat to The BIG Top every day!

Joseph started off today's story with a wonderful gift from his Dad of a multi-coloured coat.

But life then turned very hard: he was sold as a slave by his brothers because they were jealous of him. You can read more about the story of Joseph in Genesis 37.

The BIG Top says: "What a dreadful thing to happen. But God knew what was happening and we will soon see how God used the bad things which happened to Joseph to make good things happen."

Memory Verse

"Joseph's brothers were jealous of him and sold him as a slave to be taken to Egypt. But God was with him and rescued him from all his troubles." (Acts 7:9-10)

Come to our Celebration Day

There will be a Celebration Day on Sunday from 10.30am until about 3.00pm with songs, games etc and a BBQ. Those without children in The BIG Top can buy a Family ticket for the BBQ from Reception for £5 or £3 for an Individual ticket.



On Tuesday to Friday evenings this week we have the Rock Café for young people age 11-16 at Teddington Baptist Church. It starts at 7.30pm each night and finishes at 9.00pm. The charge is £2 each night or a bargain £5 if all four nights are booked and paid for in advance.

The BIG Top Website

The BIG Top website has photos and newsletters from the past 9 years of The BIG Top – and this newsletter will be there too by the end of the day.
www.TeddingtonBigTop.org.uk

Don't Forget

Swine Flu Advice

We are doing our best to work with Government advice (based on advice to schools):

- Children who have symptoms of flu should remain at home until they are fully well and symptom free. Their GPs should be informed in order to provide clinical care and arrange treatment if necessary.
- Children should not be kept away from an activity if they are well and the activity is open.
- Children who develop symptoms while at an activity should be isolated appropriately as this can help reduce the risk to others.

By practising good hygiene everyone can play their part in helping to slow the spread of all viruses, including swine flu:

- Wash hands frequently with soap and water to reduce the spread of virus from your hands to face or to other people.
- Clean hard surfaces (such as door handles) frequently using a normal cleaning product.
- Cover your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing, using a tissue when possible.
- Dispose of dirty tissues promptly and carefully.

Please help to ensure that everyone including children follows this advice. We are doing what we can to follow this advice and are providing anti-bacterial handwash plus paper towels and tissues with bins for their safe disposal.

If you think you or one of your children may have swine flu, you should check the symptoms on www.nhs.uk, call NHS Direct (0845 46 47) or call the Swine Flu information line on 0800 1 513 513. If you are still concerned, call your GP, who can provide a diagnosis over the 'phone.