

## Joseph Forgives His Brothers

### News Headlines

#### Meet the Leaders



Claire Fletcher

Claire Fletcher who is the main Leader in The Arena is a school-teacher. She runs Livewires (for children in school

years 3,4, 5) on Thursday evenings at Teddington Baptist Church. She attends the Baptist Church and sometimes helps lead the services.

#### Craftwork

Today the older children made Egyptian jewellery with collars and cuffs like those worn by important people in ancient Egypt.

In the Rainbow Tent they made the kind of Egyptian head-dress which Joseph might have worn when he was Prime Minister of Egypt.

Both these kinds of craft should go well with the multi-coloured coats the children made on Monday. Do encourage the children to wear them to The BIG Top tomorrow and again on Sunday for the Celebration (see opposite).

#### Ancient Joke of the Day

We are still hunting for ancient jokes! So keep on writing them down and put them in the mouth of the Sphinx. The best are being read out each day to all the Tribes when they gather in front of the giant pyramids and the Sphinx.

Today's Ancient Joke of the Day is:  
Q: "How do you use an ancient Egyptian doorbell?"

A: "Toot-and-come-in!"

#### Cafechurch

Teddington Churches have an evening event (for adults) called cafechurch at Costa Coffee on Friday 18 September from 7.15pm to 8.30pm. The theme of this particular cafechurch is "parenting" but there is another cafechurch on Friday 9 October (again at 7.15pm) on the theme "What on earth?"

**Joseph had told Pharaoh there would be a famine. When the famine came, Joseph's brothers came to Egypt to buy food. Joseph recognised them but they did not recognise him. Joseph remembered how his brothers had sold him into slavery and wondered what to do with them.**

**Joseph wanted to forgive his brothers so he tested them. They were prepared to protect Benjamin even if it cost their own lives. Joseph saw that his brothers had changed and they were sorry for what they had done to him.**

**Joseph told his brothers who he was. They must have been so frightened. They had thought he was a slave or might have died. They had no idea how he could have become Prime Minister of Egypt. But then Joseph forgave his brothers. The brothers were so happy. Read Genesis 42-45.**

**The BIG Top says:** "Joseph forgave his brothers just as God forgives us. Can you forgive people who do bad things to you?"

#### 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)

#### The Ancient Relic Found?



Dr Potty

Dr Potty and Denise had trouble getting the Relic Detector to work properly today. It seemed to lock on to the oldest person in the room. Will it

work any better tomorrow? Mind you, they won't get anywhere if they keep playing around with Princess Potty's make-up!

### Don't Forget



Tonight and tomorrow evening 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.

#### Come to our Celebration Day

There will be a Celebration Day on Sunday from 10.30am until about 3.00pm with songs, games, a giant inflatable and a BBQ. Those without children in The BIG Top can buy Family tickets for the BBQ from Reception for £5 (Individual tickets are £3).

#### Teddington Methodist Church

Some of the Leaders and Helpers for The BIG Top are from Teddington Methodist Church. The Church is opposite Teddington Memorial Hospital at the junction of Stanley Road and Hampton Road. It has services at 10.30am and 6.30pm. Visit its website for details of all its activities but those for children and young people are over page.

[www.teddingtonmethodistchurch.org.uk](http://www.teddingtonmethodistchurch.org.uk)

#### The BIG Top Website

The BIG Top website has photos and newsletters from all 10 years of The BIG Top – and this newsletter will soon be there too.

[www.TeddingtonBigTop.org.uk](http://www.TeddingtonBigTop.org.uk)

#### Thanks to Costa Coffee

Costa Coffee are sponsoring today's puzzle cards by providing the prizes. There are separate puzzle cards for those aged 5 and under and those aged 6 and over.

Any child attending The BIG Top who completes the puzzle card for their age can get a free drink from Costa Coffee in Broad Street, Teddington. See the puzzle cards for full details and conditions but all the children can win a drink!