

Jailbird Joseph Runs The Prison

News Headlines

Meet the Leaders



Candice Maudlin

The Ring is being led this week by Candice Maudlin. Until May this year, Candice worked for Acts 88 which is based at Teddington Baptist Church. She now works for a local church.

Acts 88 provides Richmond schools with a free resource and support for teaching Christianity. Acts 88 aims to do everything in a lively, interactive and relevant way. Josie Kirby of Acts 88 is also helping with The BIG Top this year.

www.acts88.org.uk

Behind The BIG Top

The BIG Top is run by Teddington Baptist Church with help from St Peter's & St Paul's Church and Teddington Methodist Church. Over page you will find details of activities for children and young people which those churches run throughout the rest of the year. Acts 88 (see above) also helps run The BIG Top.

Craftwork

Today the older children (in the Marquee, The Ring and The Arena) made bookmarks with their names in Egyptian hieroglyphics. On the back of each bookmark there is one of God's promises: *"I have written your name on the palms of my hands."* Those words come from Isaiah 49:16. They are a promise from God that he will always remember us. God remembered Joseph even when he was sold into slavery and then thrown into prison for something he had not done.

The younger children (in The Rainbow Tent) made "feely" pictures of Joseph's journey into Egypt using sandpaper for the sand, wallpaper for the pyramids and fur fabric for the camels. They also heard more about Joseph's story as he was taken to Egypt as a slave.

Today in The BIG Top's Bible story Joseph was thrown into prison for something he hadn't done. How unfair!

But, with God's help, Joseph made the best of what had happened. He worked so hard and so well that he was put in charge of the prison by the jailer! Then Joseph met two of Pharaoh's servants who had dreams they could not understand. Joseph told them that God had given him the meaning of each dream. What Joseph said came true. Read about this part of Joseph's story in Genesis 39-40.

The BIG Top says: *"Joseph did not complain to God about his troubles but did his best even when he was in prison. God helped Joseph in all sorts of ways – and he can help you too!"*

The BIG Top Daily Drama

This year's The BIG Top daily drama is all about Dr Potty and Denise who are trying to solve the "Secret of the Secret Message" written on the outside of an ancient relic.

Yesterday Postman Pete delivered the ancient relic to Dr Potty and Denise but it came without an onion shaped piece – which is needed to read the secret message.

Today Mari-Anne (a French chef on holiday in Egypt) helped them cook some onion biscuits. The biscuits were the same shape as the missing onion shaped piece and were very tasty. But sadly they were no use in solving the puzzle!

Ancient Joke of the Day

All week 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 to all the Tribes when they meet in front of the giant pyramids and the Sphinx.

Today's Ancient Joke of the Day is:

Q: *"How did brave Egyptians write?"*

A: *"In hero-glyphics (hieroglyphics!)"*

Don't Forget



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 £5 if you book and pay for the week in advance.

Come to our Celebration Day

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

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 BIG Top Website

The BIG Top website has photos and newsletters from all 10 years of The BIG Top. This newsletter will be there by the end of the day.
www.TeddingtonBigTop.org.uk

Teddington Baptist Church

The BIG Top is being held at Teddington Baptist Church. Sunday services are at 10.30am and 6.30pm. There are lots of activities throughout the year for every age group (see over page). Ask at The BIG Top office for more details or look at:

www.TeddingtonBaptist.org.uk

Thanks to our Sponsors

Later in the week there will be a competition for the children with free drinks from Costa Coffee as prizes. Fun Factory helped with decorations and props. We are very grateful to everyone who helps us put on The BIG Top.