



The BIG Top on Wednesday

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How Potty can you get (Dr)?

News Headlines

Meet the Leaders



Pam

Pam Chapman is the main Leader in The Marquee (4s). Outside of The BIG Top, Pam is a families' worker for Teddington Baptist

Church. She organises Open Door for carers and toddlers every Tuesday and Friday morning. She also runs Busy Bees on Tuesday mornings for children 2½+. On the one or two Saturday mornings each month she runs Who Let the Dads Out? which is like Open Door but for dads (or grand-dads) and their kids.

Craftwork

Today the older children decorated and folded large pyramids. In The Rainbow Tent the children made paper chains to remind them about the time Joseph was in prison for something he had not done and had to wear chains all the time.

The BIG Top Website

The BIG Top website has photos and newsletters from all 10 years of The BIG Top. You can download the daily newsletters by the end of each day from:

www.TeddingtonBigTop.org.uk

Ancient Joke of the Day

We are hunting for ancient jokes! So write them down, bring them in, 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: "What did the baby pyramid say to the other pyramid?"

A: "How's your mummy!"

The BIG Top Games

One of the favourite games in The Ring (5-7s) is "Where's Wally?" Wally (with a roving radio-mic) hides somewhere round the buildings. Each day the children have to guess his hiding place.

Today in The BIG Top drama Dr Potty and Denise had a Relic Detector delivered by Postman Pete. They hope it will help them in their search for the missing onion shaped piece from the ancient relic.

If that sounds crazy you haven't met Dr Potty!

Mind you, with all its flashing lights, the mail order Relic Detector looks as if it might really work. Dr Potty and Denise want to find the "Secret of the Secret Message" so have to find the missing onion shaped piece. Don't miss tomorrow's episode of The BIG Top drama when Dr Potty and Denise set out on their search guided by the Relic Detector!

Famine in Egypt

Joseph had told Pharaoh (the King of Egypt) the meaning of Pharaoh's dream (seven years of feast and seven years of famine). Pharaoh thought Joseph was so wise that he put him in charge of Egypt. Pharaoh told Joseph to do whatever was necessary for Egypt to survive the famine. Joseph stored food in the seven years when there were good harvests and so Egypt was ready for the seven years of famine. You can read more about this in Genesis 41.

The BIG Top says: "Joseph was a really clever guy – but even he needed God's help to make the best of everything which happened to him."

The BIG Top Puppets

Every year the children enjoy the antics of The BIG Top puppets. This year we have Colin the Cockerel back again in The Rainbow Tent. He is enjoying the story of Joseph.

There are also two camel puppets (called Achfred and Achmed) who live alongside (and inside?) the giant pyramids in The Ring. They make rude comments about everything they can see going on around them.

Don't Forget



Tonight and for the next two nights 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, a giant inflatable, games etc and a BBQ. Those without children in The BIG Top can buy Family tickets for the BBQ from Reception for £5 and Individual tickets for £3.

PYRAMID ROCK

The theme of this year's The BIG Top is "Pyramid Rock – the Bible story of Joseph". It is based on material from Scripture Union.

Why the name? The theme song says that "Joseph and his God made the pyramids rock!" For Joseph the rock on which he built his life was the God of his fathers not the rock of the pyramids.

St Peter's & St Paul's Church

Some of the Leaders and Helpers for The BIG Top come from St Peter's & St Paul's Church which is based at the corner of Church Road and Broad Street. Their Sunday Services are at 8am and 10am. The church's activities for children and young people are over page. Look at their website for more information about the church and other activities.

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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)