



The BIG Top on Friday

The daily newsletter of The BIG Top Holiday Club for Friday 27 August 2010
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Eat Anything = God Loves Us All!

News Headlines

Meet the Leaders



Elizabeth

The Rainbow Tent is being led all this week by Elizabeth Hicks. She retired 4 years ago after teaching in local schools for the last 30 years. During term-time she also helps run the Baptist Church's Live Wires group on Thursday evenings for school years 3, 4 & 5.

Rainbow Tent Craft

Today's craft in The Rainbow Tent was to make crowns. The children also decorated biscuits in the shape of the things God has made (plants, animals etc). The children will be wearing the crowns and carrying the biscuits as they go home to remind them that God put us in charge of all the things he had made.

The older children decorated animal biscuits on paper plates hung from pieces of string! This was to illustrate a different story from the Bible - Peter's dream in which he saw God lower a sheet from heaven with lots of animals in it. You can read about this dream in Acts 10.

The BIG Top Website

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

Fishy Joke of the Day

Today's Fishy Joke is:

Q: Which fish is the most valuable?

A: A gold-fish!

Acts 88 (www.acts88.org.uk)

The BIG Top is supported by Acts 88 which provides Richmond schools with a free resource and support for teaching Christianity. Steve Dougherty and Josie Kirby of Acts 88 are both helping to run this year's The BIG Top. Acts 88 has its office at Teddington Baptist Church.

What an amazing dream for Peter! And what an amazing lesson for us all! God loves everyone. He loves us all!

In Peter's dream he saw God lower lots of different animals down from heaven in a sheet. God said to Peter that he could eat anything offered to him as food by God. It was a strange dream and Peter was probably not sure what it meant.

But straight after his dream, messengers came to Peter from Cornelius – a Roman soldier. Cornelius wanted to know about Jesus. Peter did not like Romans but he remembered his dream. He realised that the dream was God saying that God loved everyone and that he should tell them about Jesus whoever they were.

So Peter realised he had to tell Cornelius the good news of Jesus. Peter went with the messengers to meet Cornelius. He told Cornelius that Jesus loved him. Cornelius accepted what Peter said and became a follower of Jesus.

The BIG Top says: Last year we heard how God spoke to Joseph through dreams. This year we have learnt how God spoke to Peter through a dream.

Memory Verse

"God loved the world so much that he sent his Son. Now everyone who believes in him will never die and everyone who believes in him will live forever" (John 3:16)

Grand Opening

It was the grand opening of Rocky's Plaice fish restaurant today. Well done to the J Team, Mr T, and their helpers for getting the restaurant ready and open on time. The J Team couldn't have done it without all the answers to prayer. "Huddle up. Huddle up. Huddle up. Huddle up. Huddle Power!!!"

Don't Forget



Tonight is our Rock Café for young people age 11-16.

It is being held at

Teddington Baptist Church from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. Entry £1-50.

Come to our Celebration Day

There will be a Celebration Day on Sunday from 10.30am until about 2.30pm with songs, a giant inflatable, games, etc and a BBQ. Those with children in The BIG Top can eat at the BBQ as a family for free. Those without children in The BIG Top can buy tickets for the BBQ from Reception: £5 for a Family ticket (£3 for an Individual ticket).

Dorcas T-Shirts

If you have spare T-shirts at home, they can still be brought along to Teddington Baptist Church and added to The BIG Top's collection to be sent abroad via TWAM (see The BIG Top on Thursday).



The theme of this year's The BIG Top is "Rocky's Plaice – the story of Peter from the Bible".

Children and Youth Activities

Over the page you will find information about the activities for children and young people provided throughout the year by the three Teddington churches which help to run The BIG Top.

Thanks to all our Helpers

Over 140 children have attended The BIG Top this year. It is only made possible by dozens of willing volunteers. Some help with preparations (e.g. craft or scenery). Others help each day with registration, refreshments, music, puppets, drama or leading the groups. Thanks to everyone.