



The BIG Top on Monday

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Jesus - gone but not forgotten!

News Headlines

Meet the Leaders



Elizabeth Joy Richard Claire
The main Leaders for each section of The BIG Top are Elizabeth Hicks (Rainbow Tent; 3s), Joy Bell (The Marquee; 4-5s), Richard Littledale (The Ring; 5-6s), and Claire Fletcher (The Arena; 7-11s). There are many other helpers from local churches working in The BIG Top.

Group Names

The older children are organised in Tables - based on the theme of Rocky's Plaice fish restaurant. Each Table has its own coloured name logo which you will see in various places around the building.

Craftwork

The children in The Rainbow Tent are learning how God made the world and everything in it. Today they made a double sided night and day picture. The older children are making craft linked to the life of Peter and today they made fish out of CDROMs and paper.

The J-Team's Song

The song the J-Team sing in the drama goes like this:

*The J Team, the J Team,
We're on our way.
With Jesus on our side
We'll save the day.
We're not too big and
We're not too tough,
But when we work together
We're all the right stuff.
GO-O-O J TEAM!*

Fishy Joke of the Day

All week we will be casting our net wide to catch fishy jokes! The best jokes put in the oven of the restaurant at Rocky's Plaice will appear here each day!

Today's joke is:

Q: *Where do little fishes go every morning?* A: *To plaice school!*

Today's Bible story in The BIG Top was all about Jesus saying goodbye to Peter and the other disciples before ascending into heaven. The disciples were sorry to see him go but they were determined not to forget him. They knew Jesus had promised to come back again. But they did not know how long that would be. While they waited for him to return, they told other people that Jesus loved them all.

The BIG Top says: Jesus will come again one day – we don't know when. But, before he ascended to heaven, Jesus promised to come back. What a wonderful day that will be.

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)

The BIG Top Drama

In the drama, Mr Tagliatelli is trying to re-open the restaurant called Rocky's Plaice. The restaurant is a real mess and Mr T was wondering how he could ever manage to do all the work. But now he is being helped by the J Team (J1, J2 and J3). They have been poking fun at Mr T's name. Today they called him Mr Tickle-your-belly and Mr Watch-a-the-telly. The J Team have asked the children to invent funny names for Mr T.

The BIG Top says: The J Team poke fun at Mr T, but they have funny names anyway – J1, J2 and J3. Can you guess what the "J" of J Team stands for?

The BIG Top Website

The BIG Top website has photos and newsletters from the past 10 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

The children have been asked to write down fishy jokes and new funny names for Mr Tagliatelli. They can put them in the oven of the restaurant and the best will get read out to everyone.

Come to our Celebration Day

There will be a Celebration Day on Sunday from 10.30am until about 2.30pm 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.

Rock Cafe



On Friday evening this week we have the Rock Café for young people age 11-16.

It is being held at Teddington Baptist Church, 7.30pm - 9.00pm. Entry £1-50.

What's in a Name?



The fish restaurant in the drama was given its name because it belongs to a man called Peter (or Pietro) – and the word Peter means "rock" in some languages. Rocky's Plaice is a double joke – because "Plaice/Place" has two meanings depending on how you spell it. The two words sound the same but mean different things.

Alongside the drama we are telling the Bible story of Peter. When he was born, Peter was called Simon and he worked as a fisherman. But Jesus changed his name to "Peter" because Jesus said Peter was like a rock. Every time he heard his new name, Peter was reminded that Jesus thought he was like a rock. Peter always did his best to help Jesus while he was alive. After Jesus ascended to heaven, Peter told other people about Jesus.