

Choose for  
yourselves  
this day who  
you will serve.  
Joshua 24 v 15

**The Big Top**  
  
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**INTERVIEW WITH ELIJAH ~ A CLOWN?**

Q Why do some people call you a clown?

A Well you know what clowns are like, squirting water or throwing it around. Well one day I ordered that water be thrown onto wood which I wanted set alight, that's probably why some might consider me to be a clown.



Q Why would you have water poured on something you wanted set alight?

A, There was a severe famine in the land of Samaria, and King Ahab blamed me. I had told him that the Lord had told me it wouldn't rain until He commanded it to. It was not because of me, but because of the evil that Ahab had done and because he and the people had followed Baal rather than following the true God.

I told Ahab to get the people of Israel and the prophets of Baal to meet me on Mount Carmel, and when they were all there I asked them "How long will you waver between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal is god, follow him." But the people said nothing.

Then I challenged them to make a pile of wood and I would also make one but not set light to it. They should call on the name of their god, and I would call on the name of the Lord. The god who answered by fire—He is God."

To make it more difficult for my wood to be lit, and to show just how powerful the Lord the true God is, I ordered that water be poured on it.

Q But if you pour water onto wood it won't light so surely yours didn't light, but did the wood for those supporting Baal light?

A The others called on Baal all day to set light to their fire, but it didn't happen, but when I called on the Lord the fire of the Lord fell and burned up the wood, the stones and the soil, and also the water in the trench. This proved that the Lord is the true God.

You can read more of Elijah's story in the Bible in 1 Kings chapter 18 Vs 20 - 46

## Two different crafts today.

For the younger ones we start on pen pot holders. Tins covered in the old Blue Peter favourite, sticky back plastic with feet and hands added, but you'll have to wait until tomorrow to find out what the top will be, and what shape the pots will finally take. Maybe today's interview will give you a clue. For the older ones a circus diorama. Look inside this 3D model of a circus tent, to see what's happening inside, will there be any clowns? You may have to wait until tomorrow until they are fully finished and they can bring them home.

## Watt Brothers' Circus

Uncle Waldo, Rick and Wendy suddenly realise that Grandma has disappeared.

Thanks to the help of the children in the audience they realise that she too has been kidnapped, just like all the other performers. As they start to retrace Grandma's last known movements they find a note from the Hooded Figure saying that he has her. Just when they start to give up hope, they find a ball of Grandma's knitting wool and start to follow the trail it has made, but soon find it leads them right back to where they started. Even worse at the end of the ball of wool is another note from the Hooded Figure, telling them that he has tied Grandma to a tree in Timbuktu. Will Rick, Wendy and Uncle Waldo find their way to Timbuktu, and will they be able to rescue Grandma?

*Find out tomorrow!*

Colour all the names of animals in red.

The names of birds in blue.

The names of flowers in yellow.

Then write the words which are left in the spaces below the grid.

bear	choose	daffodil	owl
finch	rabbit	blackbird	buttercup
for	rose	horse	robin
tulip	swallow	yourselves	cat
dog	swift	cow	dandelion
daisy	sheep	raven	this
day	thrush	pansy	goat
lion	primrose	tiger	starling
sparrow	elephant	who	swan
chicken	you	duck	leopard
cheetah	goose	snowdrop	will
serve	crocus	meerkat	heron
sea-gull	hamster	Joshua	carnation
gerbil	iris	bluebird	Twenty-four
canary	verse	mouse	marigold
fifteen	budgie	bluebell	pig