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“BBC Kids” is well and truly underway on York Road

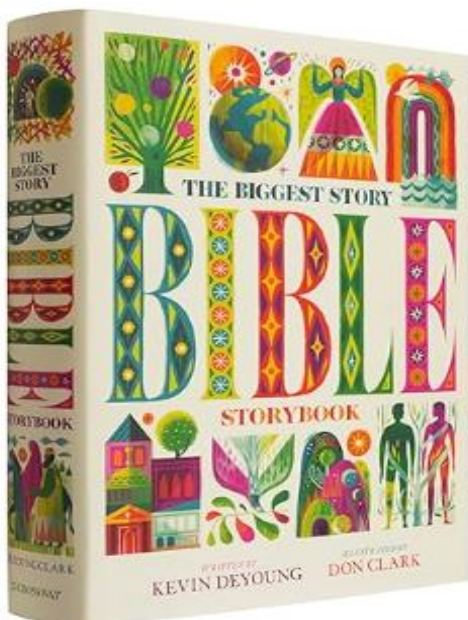
Walk past our lower church hall on a Friday evening between six and seven pm and you are sure to hear the buzz of the BBC Kids having a good time.

Able led by Assistant Pastor Steven Driver and his cohorts Sophie Phenix and Jeremy Long, children from the school reception year (4/5) and year four (8/9) enjoy a packed hour of bible-based learning and fun.

The majority of the children are known to us from our regular Sunday morning services, but we are delighted to welcome some friends and newcomers to join in with proceedings. Fridays have traditionally been for youth events so it's great to see it back up and running.



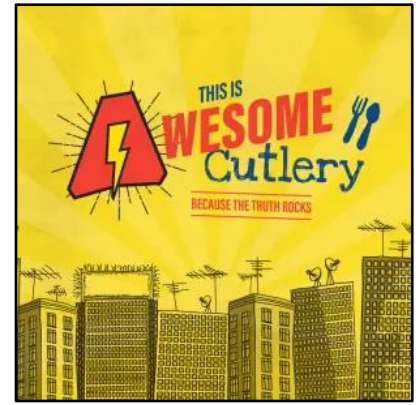
Steven's choice of primary resource:- The “Kids” evenings are built around a wonderfully illustrated book written by Pastor Kevin DeYoung, with 104 short chapters for children ages 6–12. Entitled “**The Biggest Story**” - BIBLE storybook, it provides engaging retellings of various Bible stories, explaining how they fit into the overarching storyline. Subtitled “The Biggest Story: How the Snake Crusher Brings Us Back to the Garden” each reading is coupled with beautiful illustrations and concludes with a reflective prayer.



Beginning in Genesis and ending with Revelation, each page tells about the God who created the world, acted in history, and continues to act in the present. Children will experience the captivating story of the Bible in an easy-to-understand, compelling way.

So, for the first meeting of the year the BBC Kids learned the “Creation” story which was linked with craftwork as they created their own Playdough and then used their imaginations to make things. Week two the story moved on to the question of sin and the children actively engaged in an action game of “Obey”, where they had to get past the snake in the room.

SONGS: No kid's gathering would be complete without some energizing music with memorable relevant lyrics. Steven uses recorded songs from a duo with the truly unforgettable name of "Awesome Cutlery". The two guys that make up the band are Gareth Loh and Dan Adams, both dads and church pastors, whose spare time mission was to write songs and music to help families worship Jesus together.



They met at University in the early 2000's and they produced their first album in 2016. The first song our BBC Kids got to know is "Move your body" with the chorus – *Everybody Move your body, It's the body God has given to you, Everybody Move your body, 'Cos God made the body and he made it good.*

The following week they learnt. God is Bigger, "God is Stronger" with the lyrics *Sometimes life can get us down, Things that happen make us frown, Slip on a banana skin, Trip and fall into a bin. Chorus: God is bigger, God is stronger, Than anything that could ever go wrong, God is faithful, God is loving, Working in us to make us like his Son.*

Great work team. We all offer you our prayerful support week after week.

