



OUTSIDE Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church last week, Ashley Witt (above right) tied a handkerchief over Alissa Sporn's eyes while Maci Weigel watched. The girls were playing a game during a community Vacation Bible School. John Otis (below left) helped wash dishes in the kitchen during the event.



Kids learn to trust God at week-long Bible school

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Thirty-five kids learned about trusting God in every situation last week at a community Vacation Bible School in Oberlin.

The week-long school at Faith Lutheran Church included a lesson a day centered on trusting God in different circumstances and ways, said Sarah Orr, one of the organizers.

The kids took part in interactive Bible adventures, science and craft projects, movies, missions and snack time.

Each year, Mrs. Orr said, the kids raise money for a mission. This year the project was Operation Kid to Kid. They raised money to buy mosquito nets to protect children in Africa from malaria.

Kathy Almquist, who lived in Africa as a child, brought the net she used to sleep under in to show the kids. Mrs. Orr said they were able to raise money to buy 57 nets at \$6 apiece. The kids, she said, also made cards for the children in Africa.

During the opening and closing each day, they were able to learn more things about God through songs and skits. There were lots of activities going on each day, she said.

Mrs. Orr said they had wonderful



KENNEDY JENSEN (above) worked on a craft project during Vacation Bible School. In the sanctuary, the volunteers spelled out "God Sightings" (below right) using cotton balls. Kalen Townsend (left below) enjoyed a snack.

participation from adults and teens who volunteered as station and crew leaders. People also donated supplies before the school started. She said she appreciated everyone who helped.

While one church hosts the week-

long activity each summer, several area churches help sponsor and organize it. Those include Faith, St. John's Lutheran, Oberlin United Methodist, Lund and Oberlin Covenant and United.



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