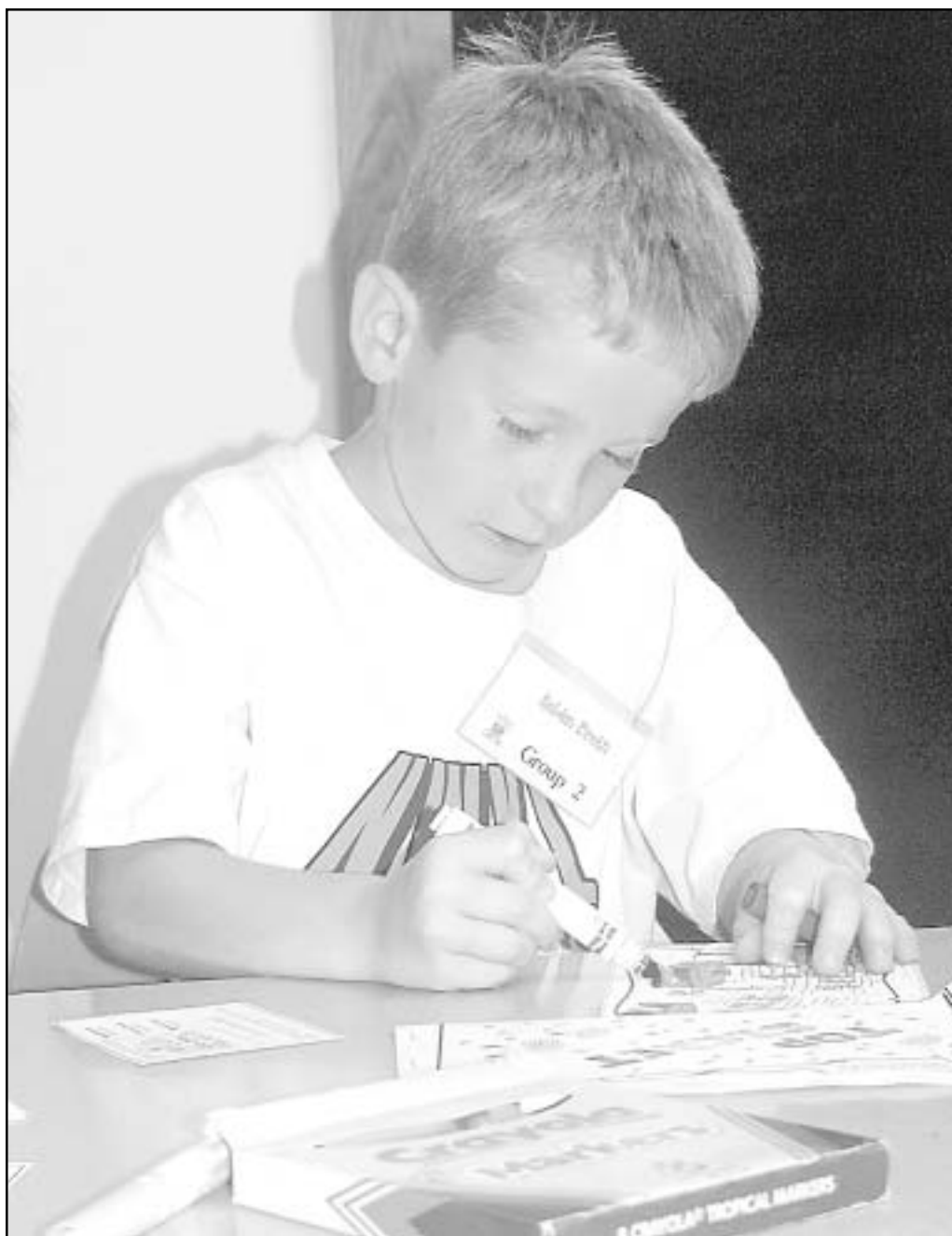


ON THURSDAY, before "Code Jesus" Vacation Bible School ended for the day, Abby Fair and Nolan Henningson (above) had the chance to play shakers during music time. Kelden Breth (below) colored his "top secret" folder. In the folder was a coded message he had to break to learn that "Jesus is joy."



'Code Jesus' brings students to Bible school

Around 80 kids learned about God last week during the "Code Jesus" community Vacation Bible School at the United Methodist Church.

Cheryl Soderlund, who helped organize the week with Jennifer Mo-

naco, said the kids came from several denominations. She said seven or eight area churches have for the last seven years held a community Bible school.

This year, the theme was "Code Jesus." Each child was in one of five groups. The groups "traveled" to differ-

ent Biblical cities, including Damascus, Lystra, Malta, Athens and Philippi.

At each city, they learned something. There was a Bible verse taught in each city, plus activities, a craft and snacks.

Everything, said Mrs. Soderlund, was centered around the theme, right down to the snack.

The reason for the cities, said Mrs. Soderlund, was because the main focus was on the Apostle Paul and what he did when he traveled to each city to spread God's word.

Each day started and finished with music. In the morning, Amy Carman and Cheryl Metcalf helped the kids sing the "Code Jesus" song. Before they left for the day, they sang several songs focused on Bible verses.

During music time, around 10 kids each day had the chance to play tambourines, shakers and drum-like instruments.

Each year, the kids are asked to collect an offering. This year it was for the tornado relief fund for Hallam, Neb., a town of about 300. Mrs. Soderlund said a tornado destroyed much of the town.

She said the money raised, around \$300, may go for a new baseball field for the town.



YOUNG WADE JUENEMANN (above) made a cup out of a piece of white paper. Ganon Henningson is in the background. Jennifer Labang and Quinton Cook (left), in Jeni Henningson's group, tested their lungs while trying to blow a small orange boat across the water in a plastic container.



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