

Youngsters enjoy school about Bible

Games, songs and crafts help to teach about Jesus

Kids played games, sang, danced, made crafts and learned Bible verses while they learned five attributes of Jesus and how they can be more like him.

Around 60 kids took over Oberlin Covenant Church last week during the Construction Zone Vacation Bible School. The community event is sponsored by Lund Covenant, Faith Lutheran, Assembly of God, Church of Christ, United, United Methodist, Sacred Heart and Oberlin Covenant, said Kathy Almquist who with Deb Marshall ran the school.

Each year the school rotates through the eight churches, said Miss Almquist. This year it was Oberlin Covenant's turn. She and Mrs. Marshall looked into available Bible school curriculums and choose Construction Zone.

The idea was that they were under construction while they were building character like Jesus. Miss Almquist said they used a verse each day to learn five attributes of Jesus.

The youngsters learned he was humble, obedient, faithful,

caring and forgiving.

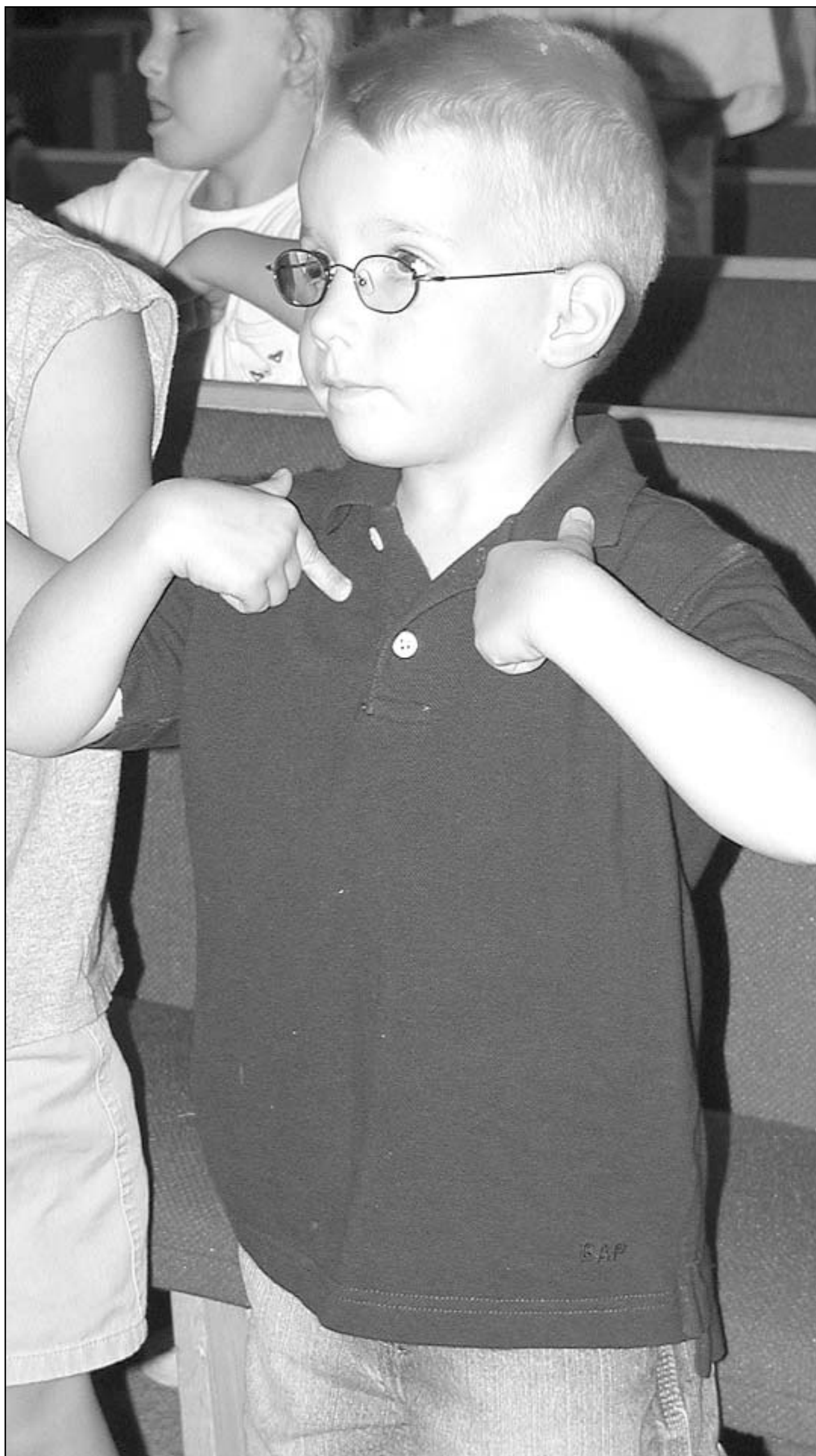
There were four sections with the kindergartners as one, first and second graders, third and fourth graders and fifth and sixth graders. The students rotated through crafts, games, their classroom, music and snacks.

Besides learning about Jesus, said Miss Almquist, the students were able to help with a mission here in the area. Each day the kids brought in an offering for Habitat for Humanity in McCook.

On Tuesday the kids brought in nickels, Wednesday dimes, Thursday quarters and Friday dollars. At the end of the week the kids had raised \$277.25 with all of the money going to Habitat for Humanity.

The week went very well, said Miss Almquist. Everyone seemed to have a good time. She said they were thankful for all the junior high, high school and adult volunteers who helped teach, do skits, do music, crafts and work behind the scenes.

Next year, said Miss Almquist, she thinks the community Vacation Bible School will be held at the United Church.



AT THE END of Vacation Bible School last Tuesday, Kel Grafel (above) did the hand movements to several songs the kids had learned. Kade Grafel (below) worked on the floor as he glued handmade picture frames on his "grow chart."



IN THE GAME AREA behind the church, Nolan Wasson walked behind a girl who wore a blindfold. She was trying to get to the other end of the lawn to a person who held a beeper.

