



**IN THE CRAFT AREA**, Meghan Davies (above) painted a maraca with bright colors at Vacation Bible School. Keagan Blau and William Enfield (below) raised their hands and swayed back and forth as they praised Jesus during the opening session Friday.

## Spanish fiesta helps youngsters learn about Jesus

It was all about Jesus last week, as grade-school-age kids danced, did crafts, made snacks, played games and sang songs.

The community-wide Vacation Bible School started last Monday and went through Friday, with students from first through sixth grades joining each morning at the United Church in Oberlin.

The theme of the week was Fiesta and the sanctuary was decorated with cactuses and bright flowers.

Each day, students learned a different trait of Jesus during praise time in the morning. That trait carried through in all the activities of the day. They also learned that Jesus is our helper, savior, life, friend and leader.

Carol Brown, who headed up the school, said they had 69 kids the first day and on the lowest day they had 52 for the free Vacation Bible School.

Throughout the week, the kids raised money through offerings for a mission group in Latin America. On Tuesday, they brought in pennies, last Wednesday nickels, Thursday dimes and Friday quarters. In all, they gathered \$388 for the group.

The kids also made blankets from felt which they tied together. The blankets had "Jesus Loves You"



**TEIGAN ELLEGOOD** held up snacks he made out of strawberries, grapes and apples before eating them. The kids were able to assemble their own snack each day.

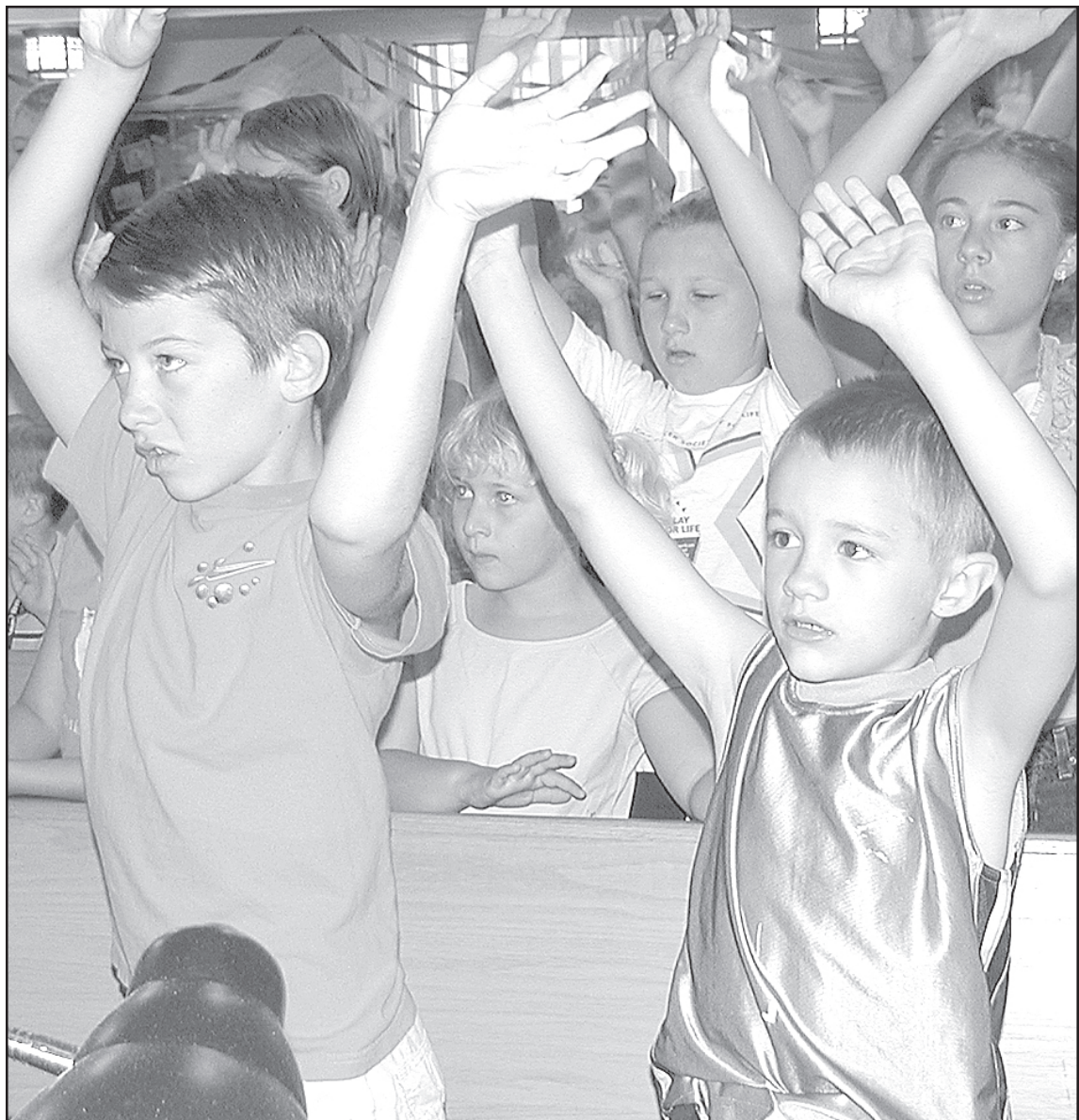
written on them in both English and Spanish.

Mrs. Brown said they will mail those to the mission, too.

The school went great, she said. There were no problems, a lot of energy and the kids learned about

Jesus.

Each summer, Oberlin churches join up to offer the week-long school. Taking part were the United Methodist, Church of Christ, Lund Covenant, Oberlin Covenant, United Church and Faith Lutheran.



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