

My Story

By: Victoria Eden

On Friday one of our other rotations were helping the Brazil Team gather goody bags for the Brazil kids. Each kid from each team came to help with the bags that had candy, coloring pages, note pads and pens too. I think it was a very good thing to do for the Brazil team. I bet that the kids in Brazil are going to love the goody bags. This has been our 2nd year for doing the bags for Brazil. This has been a very fun time to help them all year. I've enjoyed every moment with Mrs. Alica and the others at VBS. I will never forget these moments at my church.



On Saturday the kids painted flower pots for people that came to church and they are going to give it to the people that are sick or can't come to our wonderful church. They are going to have a flower that each pedal has an inspirational verse on it. I think that will remind them about our church. In church we pray for those people that are sick or can't come. I think that the people will love the flower pots from the little kids in VBS.



Jerusalem News

At The Table with Jesus

By: Jerusalem News Team

The theme for this year's Vacation Bible School was, "At The Table with Jesus." Many of the activities were designed to be like something that Jesus might have experienced. We started and ended everyday in the sanctuary by singing songs. Mrs. LeighAnn wrote us 2 new songs this year, "It's Here at this Table," and "Sit Down, Let's Eat!" Once we left the sanctuary, we stayed together as a tribe, and we enjoyed recreation, snack, missions, crafts, and bible stories with Anna. All of these activities revolved around the "At the Table" theme. The 4th and 5th graders also experienced a Seder Meal over at The Beth Shalom Synagogue. While Mr. Mike explained their traditional Seder Meal, we got to experience it with the food that was prepared by Mrs. Mirrie. It was a lot of fun! The 5th graders also went to the OA News. They took us on a tour of their facility and explained a lot about the design of the building and how it related to the area and how they print newspapers. VBS was really neat. Ms. Alica made us feel like we were sitting and eating with Jesus. It was amazing!



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Seder Meal

By: Annalee Isbell & Jerusalem News Team

On Saturday, the Tribe of Milk visited a Jewish synagogue. It is in an old house that is now a synagogue. The Seder meal was very interesting. All the food that you eat symbolizes a special event or feelings felt during the Passover in Jesus' time. The food was very fascinating and unique. The special bread, motzos, was made without yeast, because during the Passover they didn't have time to let the bread rise.



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We had caroset (apples, nuts, and spices), zeroa (poultry), karpas and chazeret (vegetables), baytza (boiled eggs), maror (horse radish), and saltwater. The saltwater symbolizes the tears they shed while being enslaved. The Seder meal was definitely a meal to remember.

**Holy of Holies and Anna**

By: Shelby Popwell and Cheyenne Burkhalter

We enjoyed Ms. Anna and the Holy of Holies. Ms. Anna told us many stories about Jesus in her time. Back in her time people believe God lived in the Holy of Holies. Only the priest of the temple was allowed inside the Holy of Holies. On Day 1 we learned about Zacheus and how when he was up in the tree, Jesus called him down and asked him to have lunch with him at this house. We learned how they set their table and how it was different from how we set our table. Unlike us, they have one big platter that everyone ate off of. We got to taste different foods such as, cottage cheese, hummus, chickpeas, and dried apricots. We enjoyed the food that we tasted. On Day 2 we learned about Jesus bringing Lazarus back to life and in celebration they threw a big party. During the party, Mary kneeled down at Jesus' feet and pour a full bottle of perfume on his feet and dried it with her hair. Day 3, Anna taught us about the Passover Seder meal. We got to taste Matza dipped in honey and horse radish, and also we got to taste parsley dipped in salt water. We enjoyed all of the different stories in the bible about Jesus sharing meals with people.

**Crafts**

By: Shelby Popwell

We have been doing crafts on our rotation. On Thursday we made bags and tinfoil money for the open market. On Friday we made oil and vinegar bottles and herb bunches for cooking. On Saturday was the Open Market. That was how we learned about Jesus with crafts.

Recreation

By: Katherine Smith

I really enjoyed recreation. During recreation we had snack and we played interesting games. My birthday was Friday and a boy names Jack just happed to want to throw a big bucket of soapy water all over me. We also made shirts for our trice. On Thursday, we played musical chairs so we would know what it feels like to be left out because when Jesus came to visit Zacheus felt left out in the tree. On Friday we played a game with soapy water that represented when Mary anointed Jesus' feet. On Saturday we played a game where we had to set the table which reminded us of when Moses had the Passover meal. I really enjoyed recreation but the thing I didn't like was calling my brother Mr. Andrew.

Open Market

By: Jack Davies

The Open Market was so much fun!! An Open Market is where we get to go around and paint different items that we can use around our table. Each station was a different activity and all of them costs "money" to participate. The "money" we used was made from tinfoil that we made the first night of VBS. The crafts that I participated in were 3 coins each. I got to paint a plate and a tile that can both be used to set the table. On my plate I painted stripes all around the edges and on the inside I painted an orange, yellow and blue heart. I painted a "J" on my tile because that is the first letter of my first name. At the Open Market I had loads of fun!!

**Opelika Auburn News**

By: Annalee Isbell and Cheyenne Burkhalter

A trip to the Opelika Auburn News Center will change the way you look at newspaper. The Opelika Auburn news is provided in three different ways: Newspaper, Internet and Television. The Center prints many other newspapers as well; not just for the Auburn Opelika area. The huge press machine, one of the best in the Alabama area, prints up to eight newspapers a second, and 15,000 in a time period of under 20 minutes. Underground is 6 feet of concrete foundation to hold and support the heavy press machine. Stacks of 1,400 pounds of paper are loaded into the press to print on. They keep 2,500 gallons of black ink and 400 pounds of yellow, blue and red ink in stock. They must keep the building at a certain temperature so that the ink will not be affected at all. Around 75% of the newspaper that is not sent out is recycled. Another interesting thing the News Center has is a lightening rod that sends any lightening strike that comes near the building around the building and into the ground, protecting all of their documents and computers inside. The advertising team, the photographers, and the graphic designers, and their reporters, are the four groups that put together the Opelika Auburn newspaper. There are two buildings that make up the Opelika Auburn News Center. One building represents Auburn and one represents Opelika. One of the buildings is used as the printing building and one of the buildings is used as the reporters building. The reporter's building is divided up into two parts: Advertising and Reporting. On each side, there is a conference room and on the reporting side, the room is blue for "True Blue News", and the advertising side is green for making the money that the newspaper needs to run. Right outside the conference room archived newspapers from the past ten years. We got to look at the newspapers from the day we were born. The Opelika Auburn News Center is definitely a place to remember.

