



Children visit 'Palestine'

During the week of July 17-21 the parking lot of St. John the Evangelist Church in Newark Valley was transformed into a marketplace in Palestine, circa 29 A.D., for vacation Bible school. More than 90 children from the parish and surrounding county participated in the program, which offered classes in such ancient crafts as stone cutting, pottery and basket weaving. Each day the children gathered into assigned "tribes," gather water from the village well and make their daily bread. Storytellers also presented Bible lessons during workshops each day. Clockwise from top: The tribe of Reuben takes a break to enjoy the bread they made the previous day; Father Joe McCaffrey, pastor, teaches the story of Moses and the parting of the Red Sea; potter Sue Camin instructs children on making clay water pots; Alana McLaud, 11, tries her hand at feeding Faline, the village goat; and an example of stone carving shows how early Christians communicated.

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