

## The E-Matt



A weekly glimpse of God's People, God's Work  
at St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, Lisbon Maine

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# VBS teaches faithfulness through the story of Joshua



*Courtney (top) and Grace dig for Biblical clues at VBS.*

By The Rev. Gail White

St. Matthew's was a very busy place in the first week of July. Every weekday evening from 5:30 pm until 7:30 pm, 28 children came to participate in St. Matt's first Vacation Bible School (VBS) in over ten years.

With Jericho as our backdrop and Joshua as our theme, we marched into a week filled with fun and activity. The children, ages 5-14 years old, learned about Joshua and his faithfulness to God.

The children were commissioned as strong and courageous soldiers in the army of God. They marched around the walls of Jericho with kazoos and tambourines until it fell, participated in an archeological dig of Jericho, took part in a field day where each event had a message about how to better to live a Christian life and much more.



*Children and teachers bring down the walls of Jericho.*

*Have I (God) not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9*

They saw and experienced how Joshua 1:9 can be lived out in their lives as it was in Joshua's.

Friday evening we ended with a pot luck supper and a presentation for the parents of all we had done during the week. The children, teachers and volunteers all enjoyed our time together and look forward to next year's Vacation Bible School.

Vacation Bible School was organized by Teri Bernier, Arline Couture, Jean Lane, and the Rev. Gail White. They are grateful to the many members of St. Matt's (too numerous to mention in an E-Matt) who helped in so many ways to make VBS a great success!



*Jonathan (left) and Ethan learn team work at three legged race.*



*Kohen (left) and Jefferson.*