

Vacation Bible Camp - August 12 - 15, 2008

This is what happened at Vacation Bible Camp August 11-15, 2008 “Here Come the Incredibles!”

This year at Vacation Bible Camp nearly 80 campers and 20 staff got together to imagine what SuperHeroes God called them to be. Not SuperHeroes because of brawn, or looks, or super speed. No, Superheroes because of God’s love. They learned about the superpowers open to all of us when we make ourselves open to God.

Every morning, campers watched a skit that told a story from the Bible, wonderfully presented by Senior Counsellors, Warren and Rachel. One story was the calling of Matthew, another was the Prodigal Son, and finally came the story of the Widow’s Mite (the one where a widow’s offering of two pennies means more to God than a rich man’s purse). The skits retold the stories to help the campers see that they were about SuperPowers of a different kind – of generosity, of forgiveness, and of faith.

Under the leadership of Trinity member Dvoira Y., campers also learned a song by Linnea Good about everyday miracles, “Howdja DOThat?” and memorized a chant. Betty C. backed them up on the keyboard. More exciting still were three crafts they completed to help them create a costume fit for a SuperHero: a crest, a face mask, and then painting a cape (all 80 hand-sewn from organic cotton by Ruth D.!).

On Friday, the final day, the campers and counsellors put it all together. Before a small audience of invited guests, they presented their identities and costumes. They sang their song and chanted their chant with gusto. The guests were very pleased with the presentations, and were honoured at the invitation.

The campers were enthusiastic – but not just about the Bible lessons. They were served marvellous food by Noreen and after lunch did a whole range of other things. They played games, they scavenged, they swam, they sang – and went home totally exhausted.

Thanks to everybody – counsellors, leaders, cooks, drivers, and campers - who made the 2008 Vacation Bible Camp a great success. You’re all SuperHeroes!