



## 2022 Vacation Bible School

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# Rocky Railway

Jesus' Power Pulls Us Through



“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” -Philippians 4:13

Saint James Parish in Washington, Iowa had a powerful Vacation Bible School this year! We had a record 72 kids registered to attend. With 5 adult volunteers and 14 teenage crew leaders, we definitely trusted in the power of Jesus to pull us through!

Blessings were overflowing from the planning to the carrying out of this year's VBS:

- ❖ Most of the set was borrowed from another church
- ❖ Parents and volunteers worked tirelessly to get activities ready
- ❖ Donations are still coming in from our faithful parishioners

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This year's Vacation Bible School met from Monday through Friday, June 27th to July 1st from 8:30 am-Noon. The Totally Catholic Rocky Railway program is from Group Publishing and Our Sunday Visitor. We purchased the starter kit 2 years ago before Covid hit, so we had to implement some of our own activities since many of the supplies were no longer available. We invested a lot of time and talent to make this amazing week possible, so I'd like to share our week in pictures!



Starting our day with **Sing & Play Express**, We sang many songs about the power of God...



...met Cam Track, a train engineer who needed to learn to trust Jesus...





...prayed with the Saint of the Day...



...shared God Sightings (evidence of God's power all around us)...







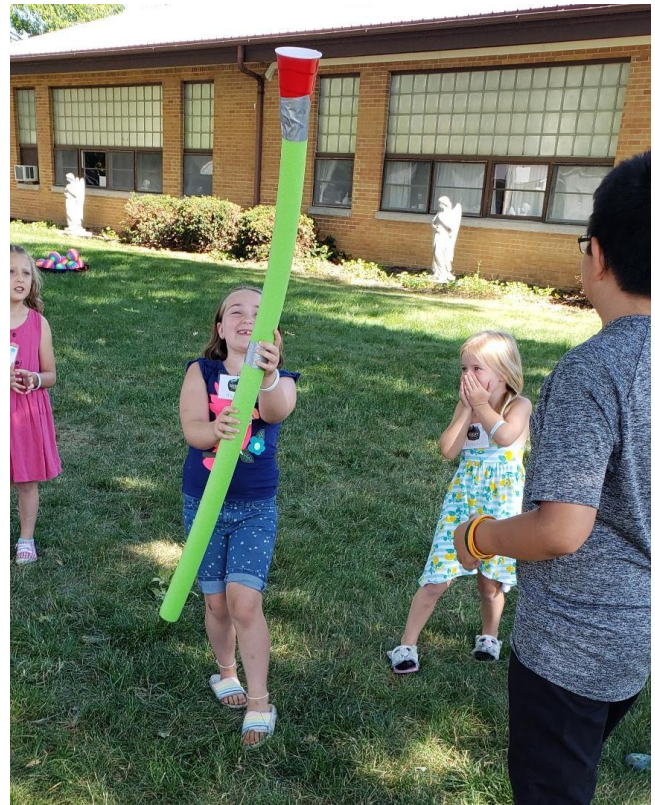
...and learned about our Bible Buddies who helped us remember our Bible Points!



Next, the eight crews of kids rotated around to four different stations: Loco Motion Games, Kid-Vid Cinema, Imagination Station, and Bible Discovery.



For **Loco Motion Games**, the water games were a favorite...



...but kids learned to work as a team, to trust each other, and to see the unique gifts God has given each of them!





At **Kid-Vid Cinema** kids got to see and hear real-life stories from kids just like them...

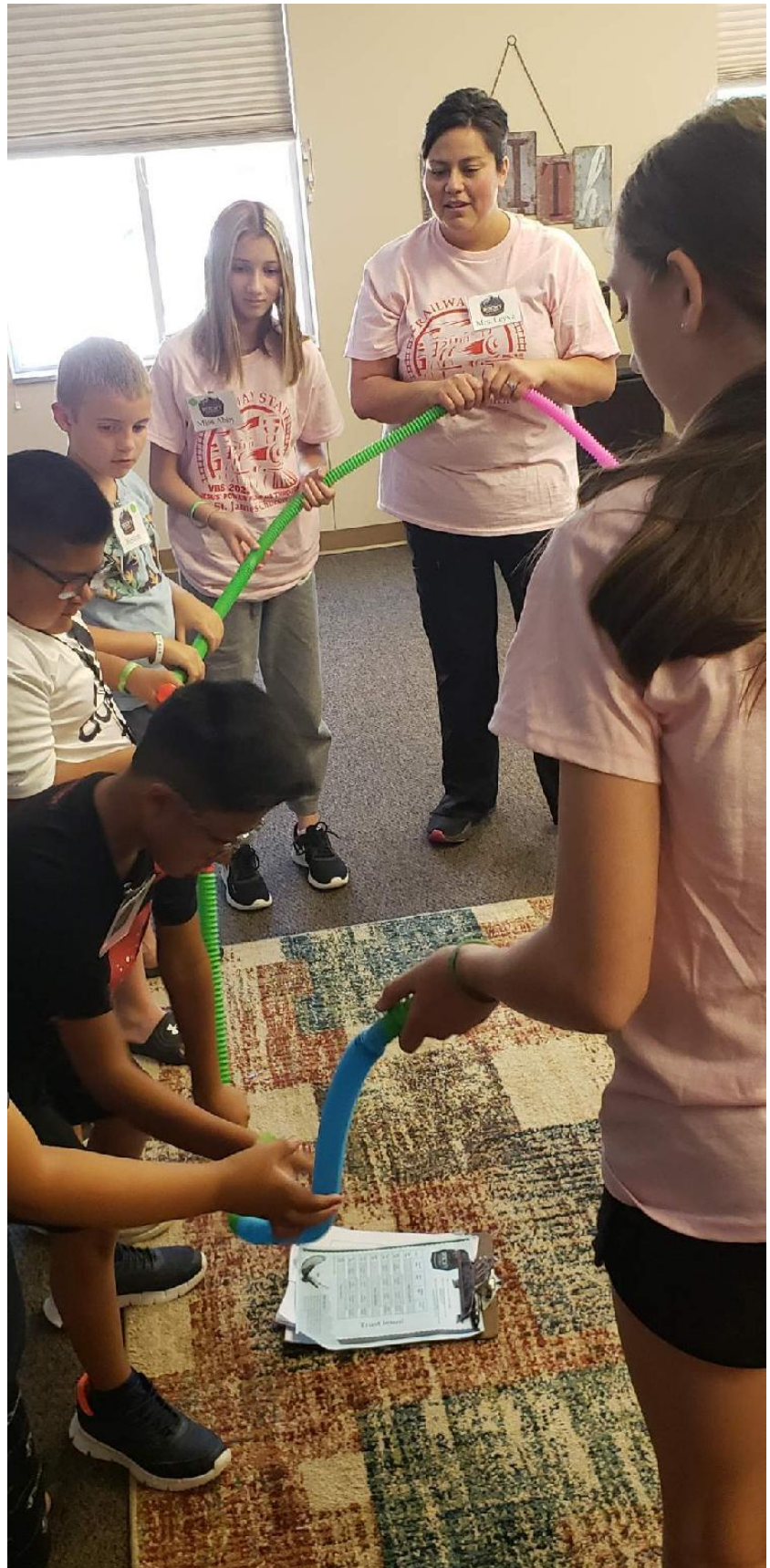


...then they connected with one another by sharing how God has been working in their lives, too!





In **Imagination Station** kids explored God's goodness by using their imagination,...





...and by making, and playing with several sciency fun gizmos!





During **Bible Discovery** kids got completely immersed in Bible stories by meeting Bible characters like Ananias...  
...and being in a shipwreck with Paul.



Then they learned that they too, could give their whole heart to Jesus!





Some of the kids said that **Cho Cho Snacks** were the best part of VBS! Crews got to choose where they would picnic. They could choose somewhere on our VBS set such as the waterfall or behind the steam engine in the pine grove, or they could enjoy the wonderful weather outside. All of our snacks related to the Bible Point of the day!









**Rocky Wrap Up** was a time to review everything we did during the day. My favorite part was seeing the kids get in knee-to-knee circles to talk about how “Jesus’ power helps us do hard things!”, “Jesus’ power gives us hope!”, and “Jesus’ power makes us bold!”.



The highlight of Rocky Railway VBS was during day 4 when Jesus appeared to emphasize the Bible Point::



“Jesus' power lets us live forever!”



My hope is that kids will continue to grow in their relationship with Jesus and will always live the Bible points from Rocky Railway Vacation Bible School! ~Mrs. Lori Fritz



“Jesus' Power helps us be good friends!”



**Trust Jesus!**