

SMALL GROUP | DAY 1

WHAT DO I LIKE ABOUT MY FAMILY?



Bible

Psalm 133:1 "How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity."

Psalm 27:10 "My father and mother may desert me, but the Lord will accept me."

Supplies

- Appreciation Flowers (1 per camper)
- Markers
- Playdoh
- Bible
- Wristbands for leaders and campers
- Take action prints (1 per camper)

I am created to belong and help others feel the same.

Activity - Playdoh Families

Give each camper a ball of Playdoh and mold objects that represent what they like about their family or what they like to do together.

Crew leader shows their 1-2 objects to get the discussion started.

Real Talk

- What do you like about your family?
- What do you like to do together as a family? How do you like to have fun?
- What are your family's favourite movie snacks?
- What chores do you do together as a family? How do you work together as a team?
- What vacations have you been on together as a family?
- What is your favourite memory with your family?

Your family is important no matter what it looks like. You belong in your family. You and your family go together.

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Activity - Appreciation Flowers

Campers are to write or draw on the flower petals what they like and are thankful for about their family and friends. Let them know that they will be giving this flower to a family member at home.

Note: Flowers are pre-cut with a stem glued to the back

Review of Bible Time

We heard a Bible story this morning about the first and biggest family, the family of Israel. That's a whole lot of children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, isn't it!



Digging Deeper | When You Get Annoyed with Your Family

Your family is important. You belong in your family no matter what your family looks like. That doesn't mean every family is perfect. Even though you and your family go together, that doesn't mean that you won't argue or get annoyed with each other.

What it does mean is that you can choose to be kind, patient, forgiving, and respectful. In the Bible it says, "How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity." Psalm 133:1

God wants us to get along, be respectful and kind to each other.

- What are some ways you can be kind to your family members?
- What times should you stay patient with your family?

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SPECIAL NOTES:

Campers share a time when they didn't get along with a family member:

Listen well as they share. Be sure that they feel seen and heard. You can say, "I'm sorry that happened. That may be how your family member chose to behave and I understand how it isn't nice. How can you choose to respond next time in a way that is kind, patient, and respectful?"

Camper Says They Feel They Don't Belong in their Family:

Listen well to your Campers as they share. Be sure that they feel seen and heard. Then ask, "Would it help to know that God loves you very much? Nothing will stop Him from loving you. He never meant for you to feel alone or like you don't belong."

God says that He "has chosen you and not rejected you." The Bible says, "Though my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will receive me." Psalm 27:10



Hand out Playbills

We call this our TAKE ACTION Playbill because we are going to ask you to "take action" on the things you learn at VISTO everyday! Sometimes we can get so caught up in what we are learning that we don't always take the time to notice what others are doing, or put into action what we've learned.

Each day at VISTO there will be an activity to do and when you bring it back to camp the next day we want to celebrate what you have done! In addition, **we have a special video for you to watch each day** & this wristband is going to be your reminder all week long!

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TODAY'S TAKE ACTION

We invite you to give the Appreciation Flower you made in Small Group time to someone in your family. Tell them what you like about your family.

Bring your Playbill back to Camp tomorrow and tell your Crew Leader if you gave your Appreciation flower to your family.



Introduce Prayer

Prayer is talking to God. Did you know that God hears you when you talk to Him? Your thoughts, your words, any day, anytime and anywhere!

Some people like to close their eyes when they pray. Some people pray and talk to God as they go about their day.

Talking to God in prayer is like talking to your best friend. Tell Him anything, when you are happy or sad. He loves to hear your prayers, and He loves to talk to you. Prayer is a quiet moment to listen to God, too.

Let's pray to God now.

Prayer

Thank You, God, for our families no matter what our families looks like. We know that we belong together. We pray that You would bless our families and help us to be kind, patient, forgiving, and respectful to each other.

Thank you God for the reminder that we belong and we can help others belong. Help us to Take Action today! Amen.