

OPENING SESSION | DAY 1



Key Question	Where do I belong?
Life Application	You belong in your family and with great friends
Bottom Line	Created to belong and help others feel the same
Basic Truth	I should treat others the way I want to be treated

DAY 1: YOU BELONG IN YOUR FAMILY

What do I like about my family?

Supplies:

- Projector
- pool floatie

HOST: Good morning! Welcome to VISTO Performing Arts Camp! My name is _____. When I say VISTO!!, you say VISTO!! (Hold out V-shaped fingers.)

We are so excited that you are here! Some of you may recognize each other, and some of you may not know anyone in this room...YET! We can't wait to get to know YOU this week and for you to make new friends, too!

This week is all about YOU! (Host leans in toward Campers) Yes, You! We will be talking about how YOU are special, unique, and important.

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INTRODUCE VISTO STAFF

Host:

Now, this week wouldn't be possible without the amazing VISTO Creative Team and VISTO Crew Leaders. I would love to introduce them to you now! VISTO Staff to the stage, please, so everyone can meet you.

You are important to us and we want to know more about you. So, I will ask each of you a get-to-know you question.

Keep answers brief

- How many siblings do you have in your family?
- Tell us one thing you like about your family?
- Do you have pets in your family, and if so, what are your pets' names?
- What do you and your family like to snack on when it's movie night?
- What was the best vacation you have taken with your family? Where did you go?

Host:

Thank you for your fun answers. We are so happy that you are our VISTO Staff.

Applause

This fabulous VISTO Staff will be singing, acting, and dancing right alongside you. They will travel with you from station to station all day long.

On Friday, they will join you in presenting & performing in VISTO's Showcase (jazz hands) where your friends and family come to see all you learn this week. It will be a magical performance!

If you have a question or need help any time this week, the amazing VISTO Staff is here for you. They want this to be the best week ever!

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Lights Camera Action Dual

Host:

Now, let's get to know each other. You can find one person or a bunch of people just like you in these questions.

When I call a category, find someone in your Crew who matches your answer. Then play Rock, Paper, Scissor, but here at VISTO we say Lights, Camera, Action. Ready?

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Find someone who:

- has the same number of siblings as you do. Then play Lights, Camera, Action!
- shares a bedroom with a sibling or has their own room.
- whose family lives in the country with farms all around or in town.
- has pets or no pets at all.
- watches more movies at home or more movies at the theatre
- buys candy at the theatre or popcorn at the theatre.
- has been to VISTO before or this is their first time

Host:

Wow, Campers. Thank you so much for playing along with us.

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Connection to Belonging Theme

Host:

Each of our families are different, special, and unique. Would you agree? And we know for some of us in this room, we may not live with our family (mom, dad, grandma) but live with another definition of "family". And that's ok!

Did you know that your family isn't just who lives in your house? Your family has many generations to it. You have great, great, great, great grandparents who lived many years ago. You may have never met them, but they are still part of your family.

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Have you ever wondered who was the very first family that lived on the earth?

VERA comes running on stage with a pool floatie around her waist.

VERA:

Family! Did someone say family?

Host:

Hi, VERA. Campers, this is our friend, VERA. Go ahead and say, “Hi, VERA!”

VERA:

Hi, everyone!

My family and I just got back from summer vacation. We had so much fun at the beach. My mom fell asleep and got burnt like a lobster. And my little sister got a hermit crab that she lost in my parent’s bed. It crawled over my dad’s leg while he was sleeping. I never heard him scream so loudly.

Host:

Wow! What a memorable vacation your family had. I’m glad you had so much fun, VERA.

VERA:

Yes, I should go plan our next vacation together. Bye, everyone!

VERA exits

Host:

Well, Campers, I have a real life story to share with you about the very FIRST family that lived on the earth. They also became the BIGGEST family ever on the earth. Listen Up!

Bible Story –|The Biggest Family | the People of Israel

Host puts Bible in hand

Cue Bible Story Time SFX

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**Host:**

Our story comes from the Bible....

The Bible is full of stories, letters, and poems that help us learn more about God and His son, Jesus. It is God's word and it is truth.

When I say, What is the Bible? The Bible is...you say, TRUTH! Let's try it. What is the Bible? The Bible is... (TRUTH!)

Here at VISTO, we celebrate that God is the one true God who loves you and me very much.

Now before we watch this video, I have a challenge for you. Every time you hear a new name said, I want you to do a jumping jack. Get ready, Action!

Cue animated Doodly video

Narrator:

God created everything, including you and me. He made the first man named Adam and the first woman named Eve.

(Reference Genesis 1:26-27 and Genesis 2:21-23)

Adam and Eve had two sons named Cain and Abel. This became the first family to live on earth. (Reference Genesis 4:1)

Adam and Eve went on to have many more children. Soon they had grandchildren. (Reference Genesis 5:1-2)

Seth, Enosh, Jared, Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech, and Noah to name a few. (Reference Genesis 5:3-32)

This first family on the earth kept getting bigger. They lived together, traveled together, ate together, planted and harvested crops and food together, and took care of animals together.

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Our big family continued with Noah when he had three sons.
You might know the story of Noah and the ark. (Reference Genesis 6-9)

More children were born, and then there was Abram. (Reference Genesis 11:10-12)

God told Abram that He would become a great nation. (Reference Genesis 12:3)

God asked Abram to “Look at the sky and count the stars.” He would have as many children as there were stars in the sky. God changed Abram’s name to Abraham. (Reference Genesis 15:1-6 and Genesis 17)

Abraham had a son named Isaac. (Reference Genesis 21:1-7)

The first family on the earth kept getting bigger!
When Isaac and his wife Rebekah married, they had twin sons named Jacob and Esau.
(Reference Genesis 25:19-26)

Jacob married Rachel, and God promised Jacob:
“I will give you children like the dust of the earth that can’t be counted.” Genesis 28:13-15
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Wow! Abraham was told that he would have generations of children as many as the stars in the sky, and now Jacob is told that he will have generations of children as many as the dust of the earth. So many children that they can’t be counted.

You know it! The first big family on the earth kept getting bigger.
Jacob went on to have twelve sons (Reference Genesis 35:23-26), and God changed Jacob’s name to Israel.

In all of this time that the first family on the earth got bigger and bigger, they lived together, traveled together, ate together, planted and harvested crops and food, and took care of animals together.

They were a family who did everything together.
They belonged together as the family of Israel.

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Host:

Wow! What a story about the first family ever! A family named Israel.

I want to know, do you think your family is like the family of Israel?

- Rub your belly if you and your family eat meals together.
- Pretend you're driving a car if you and your family ride in the car together.
- Do you and your family play video games together? Then pretend you're using a controller to play your favourite video game.
- Blow out birthday candles if you and your family love birthdays.
- 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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As you go about your day, I want you to think of your answer to this question:
What do I like about my family?

Cue Question of the Day Animation and SFX

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VISTO VIRTUES | Behaviour Expectations



Cue VISTO Virtues Animation

Host:

Now lend me your ear, amazing Campers! We have important rules to help this be an awesome week of Camp.

Cue Animation

1. Be Respectful and Kind

At VISTO Camp, we want everyone to feel safe. No bullying or unkind comments are allowed. There will be actions taken if you are involved in any bullying.

At VISTO Camp, we're excited to see you shine in kindness toward everyone. Welcome a new friend to eat lunch with you. Share kind words and cheer each other on.

Cue Animation

2. Go Outside with Permission

We have an awesome outdoor space to play; however, we go outside only when given permission. VISTO Camp is all about sticking together! VISTO Staff must be with you at all times when outside. Stay within the boundaries, please. No wandering off.

Cue Animation

3. Keep Your Hands to Yourself

There are amazing, magical things around VISTO Camp for us to explore but only when invited to do so. Look with your eyes and don't touch until you are invited to. Keep your hands to yourself, even with friends and family. This is how we keep everyone safe. Keep distractions, toys, and phones away in your bag so you don't miss all of the amazing things at VISTO.

Cue Animation

4. Dive In!

We invite you to jump into activities and learn with enthusiasm!! We want you to feel courageous to try new things and to learn about yourself and how you are amazing and wonderful.

You won't be the only one singing, dancing, and acting this week. Our entire VISTO Staff will be participating with you and cheering you on, so let's do this!

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