

OPENING SESSION | DAY 3



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 3: YOU BELONG WHEN YOU WELCOME OTHERS IN

What makes me feel welcome, like I belong?

Supplies:

- two front door welcome mats
- Elisha, the woman's, and her husband's clothing
- a small bag for Elisha to carry over his shoulder as if he is traveling
- a table
- two chairs
- two plates
- two cups
- a water pitcher
- bread
- grapes
- bed, sheet, pillow for the bedroom
- table, amp, chair for the bedroom
- SHUNEM MOVERS (label hats for Crew Leaders)

To emphasize welcoming others in, today is a clapping day, meaning every time Campers come in to a new station, Crew Leaders clap and cheer. "Whoohoo! _Olio is here! Whoohoo! __Camper's name__ is here!" This will tie into the Take Action.

Carry this idea through Thursday and Friday.

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Host:

Hooray! Today's Day 3 of VISTO!

Hold out V-shaped fingers. Wait for a response from the Campers

This whole week is about BELONGING. Your family is important no matter what it looks like. You belong in your family and you belong with great friends. Give high fives to all the friends around you.

Today, we will learn how you belong when you welcome others in.

Call & Response **WE ARE KNOWN, HEAR OUR SONG. ALL TOGETHER, WE BELONG!**

Acting Game | Act It Out!

Need VERA's Take Action clapper
Play background music during game

Host:

Let's play a game of Welcome Others In – Act It Out!

Grab a partner with someone in your Crew.
Stand facing each other. Spread out around the room so that you have space to move and act.

Now, between you and your partner, you have one minute to make up a handshake.

Cue a one minute timer such as Minute-to-Win-It timer

Got your handshakes ready?
Now, I'm going to tell a situation and you will act it out together using your handshake.

Here's our first one:

You see each other at the grocery store. You feel shy, but want to say, Hi.
Act out how you will say, Hi! to each other at the grocery store with your new handshake. ACTION!

Allow campers to act it out

You make friends feel important when you wave, shout Hi!, or talk to them.

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One of you got a balloon at the fair but it popped. You feel shy to ask for a new one. Get a new balloon together and then handshake. ACTION!

Allow campers to act it out

Sometimes, we just need the support of a friend to help us feel brave.

You see someone eating all alone at lunch. Act out how you would introduce yourself and sit down to eat your lunch with them. ACTION!

Allow campers to act it out

How special you make someone feel by joining them for lunch.

Host:

Great job, Campers! Have a seat.

Sometimes we might feel shy to say Hi! Sometimes we might forget someone's name. If you are willing to be brave and say, Hi! you will be a great friend who makes people feel welcome and special.

VERA walks in carrying two welcome mats in funny ways as if they are going to fall out of her hands.

Host:

Hey, VERA, let me help you.

VERA:

Hi, everyone! ("hi VERA)

Host:

What are you doing with these?

VERA:

These are welcome mats! I love them both and couldn't pick just one to buy. So I'm going to put them both at my front door so that my friends feel extra welcome when they come into my house.

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Note: VERA's welcome mats go to the front entrance for the rest of the week

Host:

That's special, VERA. They will make your front porch feel very welcoming.

VERA:

I am going to set them by the front door now. See you, Campers! Bye!

VERA exits

Host:

You know, there are lots of other ways that we can welcome others in and make them feel safe and happy to be our friends.

I know of a story in the Bible of a woman who was a good friend. Let's hear how she made a man named Elisha feel welcome and special.

Host thumbs through Bible to 2 Kings 4)

What is the Bible? The Bible is (Wait for the Campers to shout, TRUTH!)

Bible Story | Elisha & the Woman 2 Kings 4:8-17

Cue Bible Story Time SFX

Characters:

Elisha

Woman

Woman's husband

Narrator

SHUNEM MOVERS (who bring in set props: bed, table, chair, lamp)

Narrator:

The Bible tells of a man named Elisha.

Elisha walks in among the Campers as if travelling
and up to the stage.

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Each time Elisha passed through a town called Shunem, an important woman invited him into her home to eat food.

Woman waves to Elisha and motions for him to come over to her table. She hands him a cup of water.

They shared a meal.

They sit down and she hands him grapes.

Then Elisha traveled on his way. When he passed through Shunem again, she invited him in to eat.

Elisha:

Thank you so much for welcoming me into your home again. The meal was delicious. I'll see you again soon. God bless you. Goodbye.

They get up and she waves goodbye to Elisha. He exits the stage.

Husband enters stage

Narrator:

Eventually the woman said to her husband....

Woman and Husband talk together by the dining table.

Woman:

I think this man who keeps passing by our home is a holy man of God. We should make a little room for him upstairs so that when he passes by again, he can stay and rest.

Narrator:

That's exactly what the woman and her husband did. They made a little room for Elisha to sleep in each time he traveled by.

SHUNEM MOVERS: (label hats) Two Crew Leaders move in the bed, table, chair, and lamp

Narrator:

The Bible doesn't tell us the woman's name, Elisha walks back on stage and snuggles in the bed.

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But it does tell us this story of how she helped Elisha. This make us think that what she did to welcome Elisha was important.

Host:

When you welcome others in and make them feel special, you do it for God.
You belong when you welcome others in.

Elisha gets out of bag, puts his bag on his shoulder,
waves as if the woman is off in the distance, and exits.

As you go about your day today, I want you to think of the answer to the question:

What makes me feel welcome, like I belong?

Cue Question of the Day Animation and SFX

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