

OPENING SESSION | DAY 4



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 4: YOU BELONG WHEN YOU CARE FOR OTHERS SELFLESSLY

What is a selfless thing I can do for someone today?

Supplies:

- Clothes
- Book: Whoo Hoo! You're Doing Great! by Sandra Boynton
- a big stuffed teddy bear,
- shoes with shoelaces tied together so she can carry them hanging from her arm
- bucket hat
- TV or Projector to watch Bible Story Video
- Bible
- 1 Band-Aid per Camper
- 3 chairs
- 3 pylons to mark starting lines on the floor

Host:

I'm so happy you are here at VISTO! (Hold out V-shaped fingers. Wait for a response from the Campers)

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

Today is an important day as we put the finishing touches on our Showcase. (jazz hands) We get to share what we have learned this week with our family and friends!

Have you invited anyone to Showcase (jazz hands) and the BBQ tomorrow?

As your family arrives tomorrow, we will invite you to join them.
You will eat together and then be called in for Showcase.

Everyone got it? Eat with family, guests & then "Showcase"

Also, please remember to wear your VISTO shirt tomorrow!

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Opening Game – Band-Aid Relay

Host:

Now, let's play a game!

Set one chair for each Crew to the side. Place the Band-Aids on the chair.
Mark a starting line with a pylon for each Crew several feet from each chair.

Line up behind your Crew's starting line. When the game begins, each of you will take your turn to run to the chair, unwrap a Band-Aid, and stick it to your arm or leg. Then run back to tag your next Crew member.

Your Crew wins when everyone has put on all of the Band-Aids and then sits down so that we know you are finished.

Play the game with background music

Host:

Great job, Campers. Wow! I've never seen anyone put on Band-Aids as fast as you!
Let's remember what we've learned so far this week.

1. You belong in your family
2. You belong with great friends (hold arms out to point to all of the Campers)
3. and you belong when you welcome others in.

Did you applaud and cheer for your family last night when they came into the room?
Was that fun?

Today we are going to talk about how you belong when you care for others in a selfless way. That means you think of others first without expecting anything in return.

VERA walks in with her hands full of clothes, a few books, a big stuffed teddy bear, shoes with shoelaces tied together so she can carry them hanging from her arm. She is wearing a bucket hat as well. Can barely see her face or where she is walking.

Host:

VERA! Is that you? Unsure at first until recognizes that it is VERA behind all the things.

VERA:

It's me! Hi, everyone!

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HOST: What are you carrying there? Let me help you.

Host takes a few clothes off her pile so that Campers can see VERA's face.

VERA:

O! Thank you, __Host's name__ for your help! I was sure I was going to drop everything. You came to my rescue.

Host:

What are you doing with all of these things?

VERA:

My friend is traveling and her luggage got lost! I want to give her all of these things because she needs them more than I do.

VERA sets down what she is holding and names them off.

Here are my favourite book ever. (Whoo Hoo! You're Doing Great! by Sandra Boynton) I've read it like fifty times, but I know my friend will enjoy it, too.

I want to give her some of my best clothes and my favourite sneakers.

And this Teddy. I sleep with him every night but her favourite stuffie is lost. She must have my Teddy!

O! I also want to give her my hat. Keeps the sun out of my eyes, but she needs it now.

Host:

VERA, you are very thoughtful! I'm sorry to hear about your friend. What an amazing, selfless friend you are!

VERA:

Thank you, but what does it mean to be selfless?

Host:

Being selfless means you care more for others without expecting anything in return. You care more about your friend having these things than you keeping them for yourself.

VERA:

O, I do!

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Host grabs Bible

Host:

I know a story in the Bible of a man who cared selflessly. (Host thumbs through the Bible to Luke 10.) Want to hear the story, VERA?

VERA:

Yes!

VERA leaves all of her things on the stage and sits down with the Campers.

Host:

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

Cue Bible Story Time SFX

Bible Story

Host:

Let's watch this video of our Bible Story. [CLICK HERE](#)

Cue Video

Host:

What a great story of the good Samaritan. He was helpful and caring in a selfless way. He cared for the man's needs without expecting anything in return.

How about you? What can you do today to show kindness to others in a selfless way?

- Could you give a friend something you have that they need like VERA is doing for her friend?
- How about playing with your younger sibling to give your mom a chance to rest?
- How about folding older sibling's laundry?
- You could help by unloading the dishwasher or setting the table while your mom gets dinner ready.
- Perhaps you help a grandparent rake leaves.
- You could stay patient while you wait for your meal to come at a restaurant.

There are lots of ways you can help others selflessly and show that you care. As you go about your day today, be thinking of your answer to this question:

Cue Question of the Day Animation and SFX
What is a selfless thing I can do for someone today?

Host and VERA exit at the same time.

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