

SHOWCASE SCRIPT



[cue You'll Always Find Your Way Back Home, Camp Dance]

Host 1 (Tabs): Good afternoon, everyone! Welcome to the VISTO Performing Arts Showcase! I'm _____, VISTO's Camp Director and we're so glad you're here. Over the past five days, we've watched young people sing, create, laugh together, encourage one another, and build new friendships.

But even more importantly, we've watched them discover something beautiful. Everyone has something valuable to bring. And when we choose to welcome one another, everyone grows stronger. Today we'd love to share a glimpse of that journey with you.

Before we begin, please help us welcome the incredible team who had the privilege of walking alongside your children this week. Please welcome... our amazing VISTO staff!

cue staff entering one at a time, Quill enters SR

Tabs high-fives Quill and exits SL

Host 2 (Quill): Can I ask all the parents a question? Have you ever hoped your child would find a place where they feel accepted, encouraged, and like they truly belong?

One of the things we love most about VISTO is watching young people discover that they don't have to earn belonging. They don't have to be the loudest, the fastest, or the best performer. This week, our campers have been discovering something beautiful. When people choose to welcome one another, everyone grows stronger. And we've met someone who's been learning that right alongside them. Please welcome... VESPER!

VESPER enters SR

VESPER: Hi everyone!! (*Audience responds.*) That was pretty good, but I think we can sound even more like one big camp family! When I say... **"WE ARE KNOWN, HEAR OUR SONG,"** you say, **"ALL TOGETHER... WE BELONG!"** Ready?

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

VESPER: Let's do it one more time!

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

VESPER: YES! Now *that* sounds like one big family! *(Pause.)* You know, when camp started, I thought belonging meant finding people exactly like me. People who liked the same things, laughed at the same jokes, and never made mistakes. *(Pause for a smile.)*

But this week, I've started discovering something different. Belonging doesn't grow because everyone is the same. It grows when someone chooses to make room for someone else. I'm still figuring it out, but I think we're going to discover even more together today.

Host 2 (Quill): Vesper, what helped you feel like you belonged this week?

VESPER: Someone invited me to sit with them, cheered me on, and noticed me. And somehow, those little moments made a really big difference. I'm starting to think that's how belonging begins.

Host 2 (Quill): I think you're onto something. Because everywhere Jesus went, He had a way of helping people feel seen, welcomed, and deeply loved. Let's discover some of those stories together. Please welcome... **PARLANDO!**

Parlando scene

[cue We Belong Together, Parlando song]

Parlando exits, Quill enters DSL

Host 2 (Quill): Let's hear it one more time for Parlando! *(Applause.)* You know, every one of us longs to belong. To be seen. To be welcomed. To know we matter. And everywhere Jesus went, He noticed people others overlooked. He welcomed people others ignored. He invited people others left out. Let's take a look. Please welcome our Bombershay campers!

Quill exits DSL

Bombershay enters

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CAMPER 1: Have you ever felt invisible?

CAMPER 2: Like nobody noticed you?

CAMPER 3: Like nobody saved you a place?

ALL: This week we learned something. God sees people.

Story 1 – The Shunammite Woman

NARRATOR: A woman saw a traveler. She opened her home. She made room.

ALL: Belonging begins when someone says— 'You're welcome here.'

Story 2 – The Good Samaritan

NARRATOR: Others walked past. One person stopped. One person helped. One person chose compassion.

ALL: Belonging grows when someone says— 'I will help you.'

Story 3 – The Early Church

NARRATOR: The first believers shared. They worshipped. They helped one another. Nobody stood alone.

ALL: Belonging grows stronger when we say— 'We need each other.'

Story 4 – Zacchaeus

ZACCHAEUS: Nobody noticed me. Nobody wanted me. Nobody made room for me.

JESUS: Zacchaeus. Come down. I want to spend time with you.

NARRATOR: Jesus didn't see a problem. Jesus saw a person.

ALL: Belonging happens when someone says— 'I see you.'

Build to the Theme

GROUP 1: You are welcome.

GROUP 2: You are worth helping.

GROUP 3: You are part of us.

GROUP 4: You are seen.

ALL: And when we are welcomed...

CAMPER 1: When we are helped...

CAMPER 2: When we are included...

CAMPER 3: When we are seen...

ALL: We belong.

Final Tableau

CAMPER 4: We belong to God.

ALL: And we belong together!

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Bombershay exits, Quill enters

Host 2 (Quill): Let's thank our Bombershay Crew (*Applause.*) This week, we watched Jesus welcome children, share meals with people others avoided, stop for those everyone else hurried past, and remind people that everyone matters to God. Different people. Different stories. One invitation. Jesus made room for everyone. (*Pause.*) And He still does.

VESPER enters thoughtfully from SR

VESPER: Quill, I think... I'm beginning to understand.

Host 2 (Quill): What are you discovering?

VESPER: Belonging isn't about finding people exactly like me. It's about making room for someone else. When someone welcomed me, I felt like I mattered. And now... I want other people to feel that way, too.

Host 2 (Quill): (*Smiles.*) I think you're discovering something really important. (*Pause.*)

Host 2 (Quill): One of the things we love about VISTO is that camp doesn't end when campers go home. Every day this week, our campers accepted a Take Action challenge, looking for simple ways to help someone else feel welcome. Let's hear one of those stories. Please welcome Tabs and one of our _(section)_ campers, _(camper name)_!

Tabs enters with camper and leads them through Take Action Testimony, then exits

Host 2 (Quill): Thank you for sharing. We love hearing how our campers are taking what they've discovered here and living it out at home. Because that's where belonging keeps growing. And speaking of making room for others, our next group has found a creative way to remind us that everyone belongs. Please welcome... OLIO!

Quill exits DSL as Olio enters

Olio scene

[cue Every Move I Make, Olio song]

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Host 2 (Quill): Let's hear it for Olio! Some of our favourite moments at VISTO don't happen on stage. They happen during games, crafts, small groups, friendships, and everyday moments, when someone simply says **"Come join us."** Let's take one more look at some of the memories we made together this week.

[cue Recap video]

Bombershay enters as video finishes

Bombershay scene

[cue What I've Been Looking For, Bombershay song]

Quill and Tabs enters as campers get into position for Camp Song

Host 2 (Quill): Let's hear it one more time for our incredible campers! *(Applause.)* One of the things we love most about VISTO is seeing young person realize that they are seen, valued, and deeply loved. And then... they begin helping someone else experience that too. *(Pause.)* That's how belonging grows.

Host 1 (Tabs): Parents, thank you. Thank you for trusting us with your children this week. It has been a privilege to laugh with them, learn alongside them, and watch them grow. We've watched friendships begin, confidence grow, and countless small moments where campers chose to make room for someone else. Those moments may seem small but they can change a life.

Host 2 (Quill): This week reminded us of something beautiful. Jesus didn't wait for people to earn a place. He welcomed them. He made room for them. And He invites us to do the same. We believe that's only the beginning.

Host 2 (Quill): As your family heads home today, here's one question we'd love you to talk about together. **"Who could we make room for this week?"** A neighbour. A classmate. A new family. Someone sitting alone. You never know how one invitation might help someone discover... they belong.

VESPER (from the audience): One last time!

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Tabs and Quill exit
[cue Glorious, Camp Song]
Bows

Host 1 (Tabs): Thank you for joining us today.

We hope this week has given you a glimpse of what God has been doing in the lives of your incredible campers.

If your family would like to continue the journey - we have 2 opportunities to share with you!

1. This fall we launch 3 K2K Companies for students in grades 2-12. If you're not familiar with K2K Productions - it is a weekly theatre program that runs Fall-Spring with incredibly unreal performances each spring. This program runs much like VISTO - small groups, mentoring, real-life conversations, and instruction in singing, dancing and acting while preparing for the performances of Shrek, Little Mermaid or Wizard of Oz. You **MUST** check it out - we would love to have you a part of it.

AND.... NUMBER

2. We would love to welcome you back for another VISTO week this summer!!!! NO, for real!!
Check this out:

For all VISTO families here this week - you are being offered a NINETY-FIVE DOLLAR discount on another week of VISTO Camp. Yes! You choose the week & then email us to get signed up for \$95 OFF!

Thank you for celebrating with us today.

Have a wonderful evening and an amazing V-----ISTO summer!

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