

# OPENING SESSION | DAY 1



**Key Question** What is my favourite part of God's Creation?

**Life Application** I can be creative because God is creative.

**Bottom Line** God made everything we can know and see

**Basic Truth** I can trust God no matter what

## DAY 1: Days of Creation

### What is my favourite part of God's Creation?

#### Supplies:

- A big box or tub piled high with stuffed animals
- 5 boxes
- Inside Day 1 of Creation box: a lightbulb, lamp, or flashlight (choose one)
- Inside Day 2 of Creation box: a bottle of water
- Inside Day 3 of Creation box: a small roll of fake grass that the VISTO Host lays on the stage floor and a small plant or fruit like banana, apple, and orange
- Inside Day 4 of Creation box: a stuffed sun and/or moon and/or star stuffie (could pull out all three)
- bowl of sand mixed with cornstarch to make it blowable
- Inside Day 5 of Creation box: any stuffed animal (fish, bird, horse, dog)
- Sound effects audio file (of light sparkling, running water or waves, rustling grass, trees and leaves rustling, Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, animals, Happy Birthday song)
- Someone to turn the lights on and off
- Large box / container wrapped as a Birthday present. Crew Leader pops out of it wearing a birthday hat
- VISTO Staff positioned at light switches of Rehearsal Hall for duration of story

#### Host

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

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## Host

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 CREATIVITY - Made to Wonder! (Host leans in toward Campers) I am excited to be creative with you this week.

Call & Response: **From shining stars to deep blue sea, made to wonder, endlessly!**

## VISTO Behavior Expectations

### Host

Now lend me your ear, amazing Campers! With all we get to do this week, it's important that you follow directions right away, the first time we ask. We have two quick ways to get your attention.

When we say VISTOOO!, you say VISTOOO! Then be super silent.

Another way we will get your attention is by holding up a V with our fingers for VISTO. (demonstrate) If you see this, it's time to stop making noise and tune in! Got it? Great!

## 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.

### Host

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:

- What do you like more, the beach or the snow?
- What is your favourite season and why?
- What is your favourite memory of something you explored or experienced in nature?
- If you could have any pet besides a cat or a dog, what pet would you choose?
- What zoo creature or sea creature would you want to take care of for a day?

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## Host

Thank you for your fun answers. We are so happy that you are our VISTO Made to Wonder Team!!

Clap

This fabulous VISTO Team 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 performing and presenting VISTO Showcase  
insert jazz hands

where your friends and family come to see all you learn this week. It will be magical performance!

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

## Get in Order! Game

Play background music during game time.

## Host

Now, let's get to know each other. It's time to get in order! Please stand up.  
When I call out an instruction, line up in your Crew in the correct order.

For example, if I say to line up in order of your Birthday month, you would line up from January, February, March, April....

Line up in order of:

- most pets to the fewest
- shortest hair length to the longest
- most siblings to the fewest
- shortest height to the tallest
- earliest time you got up this morning to the latest time

## Host

Wow, Campers. That was fun!

Well done working together as a team to get in the correct order.

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**Host**

leans in toward Campers or sits center stage

I'd love to know, when you go outside into nature, what do you love the most?

Raise your hand if you say Yes! to these:

- Do you like seeing a rainbow in the sky after it rains?
- Do you like to feel the sand between your toes at the beach?
- How about making snow angels after a fresh snowfall?
- How about finding snails?

Isn't nature amazing, colourful, beautiful, and peaceful?

Where did all of the amazing things in nature come from?

## Who is God?

**Host**

Here at VISTO, we believe that God created everything, including you and me. And we know that God cares about everything He created from the ladybug, to a kitten, to an elephant to the big baboon. He also cares about you and me.

How do I know this?

put Bible in hand

Because of the book called the Bible. It is full of stories, letters, and poems that help us learn more about God and how much He loves you and me.

At VISTO Camp we shout it out! The Bible is – Truth. When I say, The Bible is...you say, TRUTH! Let's try it....

## Bible Story | Genesis 1 Creation

Cue Bible Story SFX

VISTO Staff positioned at light switches of Rehearsal Hall for duration of story  
Enter VERA who is dragging a big box or tub piled high  
with stuffed animals.

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## Host

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

## VERA

Hi, everyone!

## Host

What are you doing?

## VERA

I am counting up all of my stuffies. I met someone the other day who said they had 82 stuffies! In their bedroom! I have already counted 52 stuffies and all of them are animals.

Here is my monkey and my elephant, and my puppy...

Keeps pulling out stuffed animals and showing them to the Host and Campers and letting them pile up on the stage.

## Host

Wow! You have a lot of stuffies. Are there any Campers who have more than 52 stuffies? Raise your hands!

VERA, do you know what all of your animal stuffies remind me of?

## VERA

What?

## Host

That God created everything including all of the animals that live on the earth, swim in the sea, and fly in the....

Suddenly, the room lights go out while the stage lights stay on.

## VERA

What happened! Why did some of the lights go out?

VERA hides behind her stuffies.

## Host

Did you know that the world was completely dark before God created it? The earth was empty and had no shape.

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## VERA

Really? This dark? Well, how can we get the lights back on?

Calls out

Hello, can someone turn the lights back on?

The floor lights turn back on.

Both the Host and VERA sigh with relief.

## Host

God said, “Let there be light” and just like our lights turned on, there was light on the earth.

Cue light sparkling SFX

## Host

When there was light, God saw that it was good.

Campers, go ahead and say, “It was good.”

## VERA

Phew! I am thankful for lights. They are good. I’m going to check to make sure that the rest of the lights are on for VISTO today. Bye, everyone!

VERA exits.

## Host

Bye, VERA!

Campers, the light that God created wasn’t the only thing that was good. I have five special boxes here on stage to help us learn the other things God created that were good.

May I have five volunteers to help me open these boxes?

## Host

We just learned that God brought light to the earth when it was all dark. It amazes me how He did this by speaking it into existence. He said, “Let there be light” and there was light. That was DAY 1 of Creation. It was good.

Camper pulls a lightbulb, lamp, or flashlight from the box and holds it up for all to see.

Cue SFX light sparkling as Camper pulls item from the box.

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## Host

On DAY 2, God separated the water below from the sky above.

Camper pulls a bottle of water from the box and holds it up for all to see.

Cue SFX running water or waves

It was good.

Point to Campers to repeat, "It was good."

## Host

On DAY 3, God made dry land appear when He gathered the waters to one place. He called it earth or land and seas.

Camper pulls a small roll of fake grass from the box  
that the Host lays on the stage floor.

Cue grass rustling SFX

Who likes to run and play in the grass? Or roll down big hills?

God wasn't done creating on DAY 3! He also made plants and trees including trees with fruit.

Camper pulls a small plant and fruit like  
banana, apple, and orange from the box.

Cue trees and leaves rustling SFX

Who likes to climb trees? Who likes to eat fruit?

Thank you, God, for making the trees and fruit. It was good.

Point to Campers to repeat, "It was good."

## Host

On DAY 4, God made the sun shine in the day and the moon and stars to shine at night. He made all of this by speaking it into being.

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Camper pulls a stuffed sun and/or moon and/or star stuffie  
- could pull out all three - from the box.

Cue Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star SFX

This is how we know our days, months, years, and seasons - by the sun, moon, and stars that God created.

It was good.

Point to Campers to repeat, "It was good."

## Host

On DAY 5, God made the animals! He made birds to fly in the air and fish to swim in the seas.

Camper pulls any stuffed animal (fish, bird, horse, dog) from the box.

Cue animal SFX

Every living creature that moves, God made. And God knew that it was good.

Point to Campers to repeat, "It was good."

Isn't this so cool?! We know He is God because of His amazing creation.

Reference Romans 1:20 NIRV

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## Host

But wait! When did He make people?!

Now! DAY 6! God said, "Let us make man in our image, according to God's likeness." God made people, male and female. He made the first man, named Adam, and the first woman, named Eve, to live on the earth, to take care of the animals and the plants, and to have children.

Cue Happy Birthday SFX

Crew Leader pops out of large box wearing a Happy Birthday hat

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## Host

In all that God made, when He made people, it was the only time that He said, “It was VERY good.”

I think you should point to yourself and say, “I am made very good.”

Now point to your neighbour sitting beside you and say, “You were made very good.”

God is creative. Everything He makes is good!

Call & Response: **From shining stars to deep blue sea, made to wonder, endlessly!**

## Host

This week we will explore how you can be creative just like God is creative.

As you go throughout your day, I want you to ask yourself:

What is my favourite part of God’s Creation?

Cue Question of the Day Animation and SFX

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## VISTO Virtues - VISTO Behavior 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 VISTO.

Cue Animation

### 1.Be Respectful and Kind

Here at VISTO, 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, 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 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 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!