

OPENING SESSION | DAY 1



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| Key Question | How do I know my purpose? |
| Life Application | God has a purpose for my life |
| Bottom Line | I have purpose no matter my age |
| Basic Truth | I can trust God no matter what |

DAY 1: I CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE NOW

What things can I do now to make a difference?

Supplies:

- Projector and screen (images of James Naismith, Amelia Earhart, William Shakespeare)
- Clothing for woman (Moses' mother)
- Baby
- Blankets for the baby
- Could use the sign stands to hang a pretend window and curtain for Jochebed to look out.
- Rocking chair
- Large basket to lay baby in
- Potted tall grass plants
- Blue blanket to lay on stage floor to look like the water
- Audio sound of river water
- Audio sound of coins clanking
- Host chooses an Olio Camper to act as young Moses.

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 and how you can make a difference now at your age.

Call & Response: **Always ready? Born ready!**

GO THE DISTANCE!

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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.

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's your favourite food?
- Tell us something unique that you've tried or experienced.
- What have you invented or baked or created that you tried to sell to your siblings, cousins, or friends?
- Have you ever been part of theatre and in what way?
- How have you been a leader that others could follow?

Host:

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

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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. Never leaving your side!

On Friday, they will join you in performing in VISTO's Showcase (jazz hands) where your friends and family come to see all you have learned 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. We want this to be the best week ever!

Camper Game - What I Say, Not What I Do

Play background music during game time.

Host:

Now it's your turn, Campers! We're going to play a game where you must follow what I say, not what I do.

I might say, "Jump up and down like a bunny" but step backwards. You should hop like a bunny because that's following what I say, not what I do.

Do you understand? Are you ready to follow what I say, not what I do?
Then please stand up.

- Campers, pull on both ears. (Host rubs belly)
- Do squats. (Host does jumping jacks)
- Pretend to lift weights. (Host pretends to sleep)
- Reach up high to the sky on your tip toes. (Host bends over and touches their toes)
- Bounce a basketball. (Hosts pretends to serve a volleyball)
- Run in place as fast as you can. (Host skips around the stage)
- Be the lead singer in a band. (Host plays the air guitar)

Host:

Alright, Campers! How did you do? Could you follow what I said, not what I did? Or did you find it hard?

Hear this! It is important that what you say matches what you do.

Enter VERA who is reading a book, flipping the pages.
She has a few books tucked under her arm.
She bumps into the Host from behind because she doesn't
look up from her reading.

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Host:

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

VERA:

Hi, everyone! I am pleased to meet you! __Host’s name__, I’m so sorry! I didn’t mean to bump into you!

Host:

That’s OK. I guess you were deep into your book

VERA:

I was reading my book and not looking where I was going. I LOVE reading books about leaders and people who do big things in their lifetime.

Shows the Campers and Host her books.

Host:

Wow! VERA, that’s some great reading. Who have you learned about so far?

VERA:

Let’s see. I’ve learned about James Naismith who invented the game of basketball after hanging peach baskets on the wall. It didn’t work so well until they cut holes in the bottom of the baskets for the ball to fall through.

Amelia Earhart was the first woman pilot to try to fly around the world.

Then, of course, there was William Shakespeare, the greatest playwright. Hold on! Hold on! “O Romeo, Romeo, Wherefore art thou, Romeo?”

Cue images of James Naismith, Amelia Earhart, and William Shakespeare.

Clap as VERA takes a bow

Host:

That’s amazing, VERA! It sounds like you are reading about ordinary people who made a difference in the world.

VERA:

I am! Well, I gotta go read more. Bye, everyone!

VERA exits.

Host:

This week we are learning what it means to Go the Distance! Yes, Go the Distance!

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We have purpose!! Purpose means that there is something YOU are made to do.

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Could anyone have invented basketball? Sure, but James Naismith was meant to

Can anyone write a famous theatrical play? Sure, but only William Shakespeare could have written Romeo and Juliet.

You are special and you have purpose.

Pick up the Bible

Host:

How do I know this? Because of this book, called the Bible. The Bible is full of stories, letters, and poems that help us learn more about God. And it is God's letters to us!

When I say, The Bible is...you shout, TRUTH! Let's do it. The Bible is...
TRUTH!

Here at VISTO, we believe that God is the one true God who loves you and me very much. God says in the Bible that you were made for a special reason. He has a plan for your life. It's called your purpose.

You know! The Bible tells a story of a baby who had a very important purpose.

BIBLE STORY | Miriam Saves Baby Moses Exodus 2:1-14

Characters:

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| Jochebed, mother of Moses | _____ |
| Mariam | _____ |
| Daughter of Pharaoh | _____ |
| Maidens | _____ |
| Baby Moses | _____ |
| Young Moses (a Camper from Olio) | _____ |

Cue Bible Story SFX

Narrator:

The Bible tells of the Hebrew people, also known as the people of Israel.

Pharaoh, the King of Egypt, did not like the Hebrew people. They were slaves in the land of Egypt working for Pharaoh, the King. A slave worked hard for their master without pay.

You might think the King of Egypt liked his Hebrew slaves since they did his hard work for him, but he worried that there were more Hebrew people than there were Egyptians.

Our story begins when an Israelite mother gave birth to a son and kept him a secret from the King for three months.

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Mother Jochebed enters the stage snuggling a baby.
She walks to a window and peeks out, snuggling the baby as if to hide him.
She sit in a rocking chair and rocks the baby.

Narrator:

There came a time when she could no longer hide her son, so she got a basket large enough for him to sleep in. She covered it with tar to make it waterproof. She laid him in the basket and set it among the tall grasses of the Nile River.

Mother puts the baby in the basket and covers the baby with blankets.
She carries the basket over to the river and sets the blanket down
in the water, a blue sheet that rolled out in the middle of the floor.

Narrator:

This baby had a sister named Mariam. She worried what would happen to her baby brother, so she hid close by to watch.

The King had a daughter who walked with her friends that day down to the Nile River.

Cue water SFX

The daughter and her friends walk from the back of the room,
among the Campers, to the riverbank. They are quietly talking
and laughing among themselves as they walk.

Narrator:

You guessed it. She saw the basket and found the baby inside.

A friend gets the basket out of the water and brings it to the
King's daughter. She opens it up and pulls out the crying baby.

Cue baby crying SFX

She said

Daughter of Pharaoh:

This is one of the Hebrew children.

Narrator:

Mariam, the baby's sister, ran over and said, Mariam runs over.

(Scene shows the maiden getting the basket out of the water and bringing it to Pharaoh's daughter. She pulls out the baby.)

Host:

The daughter of Pharaoh reached into the basket and pulled out the crying baby.
Mariam, the baby's sister, ran over to the daughter of Pharaoh and said,

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Mariam

Should I go and call a mother for you from the Hebrew women that she may care for the baby for you?

Daughter of Pharaoh

Go ahead.

Mariam runs off stage and then back in pulling on the arm of the mother until they reach the Daughter of Pharaoh.

Narrator

Mariam brought the baby's mother to the King's daughter! She was so smart!

Daughter of Pharaoh:

Take this child away and care for him. I will pay you.

Cue coins clinking SFX

Narrator

That's what the mother did. Once he grew old enough, she took him to the King's house and he became the son of the Daughter of the King.

Scene shows the mother holding the hand of a small boy (an Olio Camper) and walking to the daughter of Pharaoh.

Daughter of Pharaoh:

Thank you for caring for him. He is my son now. I will name him Moses, which means "to draw out" because I drew him out of the water.

Narrator

Moses, a Hebrew from the people of Israel, grew up in the King's house.

Host:

God had a special purpose for Moses. He became a leader who led the Hebrew people out of slavery under the King of Egypt.

and God had a special purpose for Mariam, Moses' sister. It was to save her brother's life!

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HOST

God's purpose for Mariam and Moses' mother was to care for them and keep them safe.

God's purpose for the daughter of the King was to save Moses' life and become his Egyptian mother.

This is incredible. and just like Mariam and Moses' mother, God has a special purpose for your life too, campers.

You are important, and you can make a difference right now and at your age. You don't have to wait to grow up to make a difference.

I would like you to turn to your neighbor and say, "You can make a difference right now."

campers speak to one another

Call & Response: **Always ready? Born ready!**

As you go about your day, I want you to think about this question:

What things can I do now to make a difference?

Cue Question of the Day Animation and SFX

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!