

OPENING SESSION | DAY 3



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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 3: Making Wise Choices Helps Me Live a Purposeful Life

What makes this choice a wise one?

Supplies:

- crossword puzzle
- giant orange pencil
- 2 kingly robes
- 2 crowns (child sized)

HOST: Hooray! Today's Day 3 of VISTO!

Hold out V-shaped fingers.

So happy you're here! This whole week is about YOU and how you have purpose.

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

Today, we're talking about how making wise choices helps you live a purposeful life.

Let's play a game...

Follow the Leader - Do the Wise Thing

Play background music during game

Host:

I'm going to make a statement. If it is the wise thing to do, I want you to give me your best dance move!

If it is not the wise thing to do, I want you to stand straight and tall like a soldier.
Don't move! Ready?

GO THE DISTANCE!

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- Your dog poops while you're on a walk. You pick up the poop with a bag!
Dance if it's wise. Stand straight if it's not.
- A friend is talking in Small Group time. You put your finger to your lips and motion for them to Shhhhh. Wise or unwise?
- your friend is texting you and telling you private things about another friend and you ask questions and tell someone else
- You join the Terry Fox Run to help support cancer research. Wise or unwise?
- You leave your empty cereal bowl on the table instead of putting it in the dishwasher.
- You stick your foot out to trip your friend when they walk past you.

Host:

Wow! I saw some great dance moves! I'm proud of you for making wise choices. You live a purposeful life when you make wise choices.

VERA comes walking onstage tapping her pencil on a newspaper crossword puzzle. She is looking down with a puzzled look on her face.

VERA:

O! __Host's name__, I'm so glad I found you! O! There you are, Campers! Hi, everyone! I need your help BIG TIME!

Host:

Hello, VERA.

What can we help you with?

VERA:

I've been working all morning on this crossword puzzle and I just can't figure out the answers. I'm stuck!

Host:

Campers, can we help VERA? We are here for you, VERA. What's the first question you're stuck on?

reading papers

VERA:

O! Let's start with this one! "You have a math quiz tomorrow on fractions, but you really want to play video games. Should you study fractions for your quiz or play video games?"

Host:

Let's see, video games or fractions. Fractions or video games. Move hands back and forth as if weighing one in each hand seeing which one will win.

Campers, what should VERA choose as most important? Should she study for her fractions quiz or play video games?

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Host:

You should study for your fractions quiz first, VERA. Playing video games will be a lot more fun knowing you made the wise choice to study first.

Making wise choices isn't always the easy choice especially when our friends aren't making wise choices around us. Sometimes it might not be fun, but it matters! It will make your life better and more purposeful.

VERA:

Alright. Study is the word. Pretends to write on her crossword puzzle.

Here's the next question.

You borrow your friends sweater but get a stain on it. Should you return the sweater and not mention it or tell them that you accidentally spilled on it and couldn't get it clean?

Host:

Campers, what is the wise choice?

You're right. Tell your friend. You didn't mean to wreck the sweater. VERA, you can offer to buy them another one, or another sweater that is similar.

VERA:

Got it! Tell them is the word. Pretends to write on her crossword puzzle.

Here's another one. The weather is beautiful and you want to play outside before soccer practice. Should you stop playing so you arrive at practice on time or show up a few minutes late?

Host:

Campers, what is the wise choice?

Yes! You respect your coaches and your teammates when you show up to practice on time ready to focus and play hard. Can you have a winning team if everyone showed up to practice whenever they felt like it?

VERA:

Thank you so much, Campers, for helping me make wise choices. You are smart. See you later! Bye, everyone!

VERA exits.

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

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Bible Story | Joash and Josiah 2 Chronicles 21 to 24

Cue Bible Story SFX
pick up Bible

Host:

Each day, our Bible story has had a king in it! Isn't that fun? Day 1, we had Pharaoh, King of Egypt. Young Moses went to live in his house. Day 2, we learned of Queen Esther and King Ahasuerus, King of Persia. Today, we have two young kings to learn about.

KING JOASH

Host thumbs through the Bible to find 2 Chronicles 21

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

The Bible tells of Joash who became king of Judah when he was seven years old. Can you imagine becoming king when you are seven years old?!

Who is seven years old here?

Choose a Camper who raised their hand to stand in as Joash
Give them a royal robe and a crown.

Let's welcome King Joash to the stage. Campers say, "Hi, Joash!"

Our story today goes like this:

Father, Mother, and Aunt enter the stage wearing signs that read, Father, Mother, Aunt.

Joash's father died.

Father falls over dead.

His mother tried to take over the throne.

Mother stands in front of Camper.

Joash's aunt hid him in the temple for seven years. When he turned seven, he was crowned king.

Joash reigned in Jerusalem for forty years, and was known for doing what was right for God and the people of his kingdom.

KING JOSIAH

Host thumbs through the Bible to find 2 Chronicles 24

The Bible also tells of Josiah who became king at eight years of age.

Who is eight years old and wants to be a king?

Choose a Camper who raised their hand to stand in as Josiah.
Give them a royal robe and a crown.

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Let's welcome King Josiah to the stage. Campers say, "Hi, Josiah!"

Josiah was considered one of the greatest kings in Israel's history. Josiah obeyed God's law with his whole heart, soul, and strength. (2 Kings 23:25)

He reigned in Jerusalem for thirty-one years and made wise choices for his Kingdom.

Host:

Let's give a round of applause for our young kings. Thank you for your help!

Young King Campers return to their seats.

Host:

Hearing about these two young kings amazes me. Here's why!

How did they know what was wise when they were only seven and eight years old?

We will talk more about this in Small Group today, but here's what I want you to remember right now.

It doesn't matter how old you are, you can make wise choices! And making wise choices doesn't mean you have to have been taught what is wise! Making wise choices helps you live a purposeful life.

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

Here's a question that you can ask any time you are faced with a decision and you don't know if it is a wise choice:

What makes this choice a wise one?

Cue Question of the Day Animation and SFX