

# OPENING SESSION | DAY 4



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

## DAY 4: Helping Others Is Part Of My Purpose

### How can I help someone today?

#### Supplies:

- toilet scrub brush
- oversized rubber gloves
- bonnet
- goggles
- Props from Day 3 Take Action
- Buckets (1 per Crew) to put props in for end of day
- Blocks (1 per camper)
- Permanent Markers

Crew Leaders gather Take Action Day 3 props in a bucket as campers arrive

**HOST:** I'm so happy you are here at VISTO!

Hold out V-shaped fingers. Wait for a response from the Campers

Today is an important day as we put the finishing touches on our Showcase. (jazz hands)

Tomorrow, we get to share what we have learned this week with your family and friends!

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

When your family arrives tomorrow, you will eat with them and then come in to get ready for VISTO's Showcase!

Also, remember to wear your VISTO shirt tomorrow!

Now, let's play a game!

**GO THE DISTANCE!**

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## Mime Acting with Take Action Day 3 Props

Cue background music during game

Crew Leader puts the bucket of Take Action Day 3 props  
in the center of the Crew

It's time to mime! You'll hear the music play. Listen for a number to group up in. Then I'll call out a scenario. You must mime the scenario using the Take Action objects as props.

Host demonstrates:

Cue music

Call out #1 A friend falls down at the splash pad. How will you help them up? ACTION!  
(Grabs a prop and acts it out)

Remember, mimes don't talk. Act it out using the props without talking.

### Scenarios:

- A friend dropped their sandwich and ants found it. How will you help?
- It starts pouring at the amusement park. Help each other stay dry.
- Your friends starts a lemonade stand but no one comes to buy. Help them sell out of all their lemonade.
- Several neighbours go on vacation. They need someone to walk their dogs.
- Quick! Ice cream cones are melting! How will you help?

### Host:

Great job miming and using the Take Action props.

Crew Leaders gather all Take Action props and put them back in the buckets

Each scenario you mimed, you were helping others.

Helping others is fun and part of our purpose.

Even if you are asked to unload the dishwasher or scrub the toilets at your house (Uggh!), you can make it fun to help.

You can sing our camp theme song while you do things, right!?

Cue toilet flush SFX

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VERA comes walking in with her hair up in an orange bonnet, a toilet scrub brush in her hand, goggles, and wearing big rubber gloves.

**VERA:**

Scrub toilets?! Did someone say scrub toilets?! I am here to scrub your dirty toilets!

**Host:**

Hi, VERA.

**VERA:**

Hi, everyone!

**Host:**

I mentioned scrubbing toilets as a way to help at home. Do you like to scrub toilets? (Asks with hesitation)

**VERA:**

Well, it's a messy job! But I like to help others, and if others need their toilets cleaned, then I am happy to help!

**Host:**

You are amazing, VERA.

Campers, raise your hand if you like helping others like VERA.

Raise your hand if you are willing to clean toilets?

You know, helping others is part of our purpose.

Maybe you would rather play outside or text your friends than scrub toilets.

But God can help you to choose joy and make scrubbing toilets fun so that you can be helpful to others. God will help you help others.

**VERA:**

I feel happy when I help others. And I am happy that God is my helper. Now, I got to go. I have more toilets to clean! Bye!

VERA exits.

**Host:**

Bye, VERA! Scrub away!

Cue toilet flush SFX

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## Bible Story Nehemiah Rebuilds the Walls of Jerusalem - Nehemiah 2-6

Cue Bible Story SFX

**Host:**

Thumbs through Bible to find Nehemiah 2

I know of a story from the Bible.

What is the Bible? The Bible is....TRUTH!

A man named Nehemiah saw a big problem - not dirty toilets - but broken down walls. He wanted to help fix the broken walls around their city. God was his helper along with others in the town. Together, they worked to repair the broken walls and got it done in only 52 days! That's even shorter than our months of summer vacation!

## Object Lesson | Brick-By-Brick

### Supplies:

- 1 block per student
- Markers
- Signs that say "Jerusalem" or "Nehemiah's Wall"

Crew Leaders hand out blocks to their crew

**Host:**

Today, you each have something very special in your hands—just a simple block. But what if I told you that this little block represents something amazing about YOU?

Go ahead and take your marker. I want you to think of one gift, talent, or strength God has given you. It could be something big like leadership or singing... or something quieter but just as powerful, like listening, encouraging, or making people feel welcome. Write that on your brick.

Pause while they write

You can also think about a character trait God is growing in you—like courage, kindness, or patience. What's one part of YOU that God can use to build something bigger?

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## Host:

Let me take you back to a time when God's people were feeling discouraged. The city of Jerusalem had been destroyed years earlier. The walls were torn down. It wasn't safe, and it definitely didn't feel like home anymore.

There was a man named Nehemiah who lived far away, working for a king. But when he heard about the broken walls of his people's city, his heart broke. He cried. He prayed. And then... he acted.

Nehemiah asked the king for permission to go rebuild the wall. That sounds brave, right? But rebuilding a wall that size? That wasn't a one-man job.

BUILDING TOGETHER – Start calling students forward

## Host:

In Nehemiah chapter 3, we learn something amazing: everyone helped. Not just builders. There were goldsmiths, perfume-makers, moms, dads, priests, kids—each family rebuilt the part of the wall right in front of their house.

And so today, we're going to do something similar. We're going to build our own wall, brick by brick.

Walk to the front

When I call your crew, come up and add your brick to our wall.

As you do, I want you to imagine how God might use that gift this summer—or even this week—to help build something that matters. We're not building a wall of stone... we're building a community.

After wall is built

## Host:

Take a look at this wall. Every brick is different. Just like each of you.

Nehemiah's wall wasn't just about bricks and stone.

It was about bringing people together for a purpose. Each gift mattered. Each person belonged. And when the wall was finished, they didn't celebrate Nehemiah—they praised GOD.

And guess what? The same is true for us. God has given each of us something valuable. And when we bring it together, we build something far stronger than we ever could alone.

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## Host:

I love this story.

Nehemiah saw a need and knew the he could help. Helping to rebuild the walls of his city was part of his purpose. With God as his helper, he was sure to succeed.

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

As you go about your day and in your Small Group later today, I want you to think about this question,

How can I help someone today?

Cue Question of the Day Animation and SFX