

SMALL GROUP | DAY 1

WHAT'S THE BIGGEST DREAM I'VE EVER HAD?



Bible

Genesis 37:5-8 - "Joseph had a dream. When he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more. He said to them, 'Listen to the dream I had. We were tying up bundles of grain out in the field. Suddenly my bundle stood up straight. Your bundles gathered around my bundle and bowed down to it.' His brothers said to him, 'Do you plan to be king over us? Will you really rule over us?' So they hated him even more because of his dream. They didn't like what he had said."

Supplies

- Bible
- Markers and pencils
- Jenga blocks (1 per camper) + extra
- "Dream come true" print-out

Digging Deeper

Is there anything God cannot do? Who thinks they know the answer? Allow response time.

God can do anything and he's shown us this through his character. We can see God's character, or who he is, through stories in the Bible.

God is powerful and good. He makes all things happen according to His perfect plan. We can't always make sense of His good plans when we are right in the middle of hard times though. We can learn a lot by studying Joseph, so let's take a minute to watch this video and refresh ourselves on what happened today.

<https://streamable.com/1nyrtz>



**God has a plan for me
and my dreams. He can
do anything!**

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Activity – Drawing Dreams

What's a big dream you have for your own life? Take a moment to think of that big dream. We're going to see today that God can create a beautiful masterpiece from all our dreams - and you each get to design a Jenga block that represents your dream, so you can be part of the masterpiece.

Hand out markers and one Jenga block to each camper

Real Talk

Why do you think Joseph was so confident about his dreams? Are there any hopes or dreams that you feel God has given you?

It is hard to trust someone you don't know, especially with your dreams. How can ~~you~~ we know God? (Examples: Reading our bibles, prayer, talking to other people and asking questions, going to a walk, journaling, going to a youth group)

When we trust God with our dreams, we can be sure that He will treasure them. What kind of dreams do you hope God will make happen in your life?

God wants us to have dreams and goals in life, and He can even put dreams or goals in our minds, like He did for Joseph. But those dreams aren't often the ones we have when we're asleep. Oftentimes, God wants us to look at our hopes and dreams in life, the times when we are hoping for or imagining something in the future. What are our goals in life, and how can we honor God with those dreams for the future?

What are some examples of goals in our lives that can be good, or helpful? For example: Some dreams and goals could look like reading a full book, getting my chores done so I can spend time with my friends, learning a new sport or instrument, working hard to improve my grades, learn another language, travel around the world, and the list goes on and on.

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DREAM-BUILDING JENGA

*Guide your crew to make a Jenga tower with the Jenga blocks they designed. Give each camper their own time to place their block and tell the rest of the crew what their dream is. Add more Jenga pieces and allow campers to play Jenga if time allows.

Campers, look at the tower we made with all our dreams! We all have some big dreams, and we can trust that God will make all our dreams into something amazing, like this tower (even if they don't turn out the way we expect).

Discussion Questions

- If you could achieve one dream tomorrow, what would it be?
- Can a dream change over time? Why?
- Have you ever had to be brave to follow a goal or dream?
- Have you ever prayed about a dream or goal before?

Hand out Playbills

We call this our TAKE ACTION Playbill because we are going to ask you to “take action” on the things you learn at VISTO everyday! Sometimes we can get so caught up in what we are learning that we don't always take the time to notice what others are doing, or put into action what we've learned.

Each day at VISTO there will be an activity to do and when you bring it back to camp the next day we want to celebrate what you have done! In addition, **we have a special video for you to watch each day** & this wristband is going to be your reminder all week long!

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TODAY'S TAKE ACTION

Take a 'Dream Come True' sheet and fill in as many clouds as you can with dreams and goals that have already come true in your life! Sometimes it's hard to see our dreams coming true as they're happening, but if we look back, we can see the ways God has already been at work in our lives.



Introduce Prayer

Prayer is talking to God. Did you know that God hears you when you talk to Him? Your thoughts, your words, any day, anytime and anywhere! Some people like to close their eyes when they pray. Some people pray and talk to God as they go about their day. Talking to God in prayer is like talking to your best friend. Tell Him anything, when you are happy or sad. He loves to hear your prayers, and He loves to talk to you. Prayer is a quiet moment to listen to God, too. Let's pray to God now.

PRAY

God, we recognize that there is nothing you cannot do! Thank you for the ways that you show up in our lives and our dreams, even when we can't see it. We know that your dreams for us are even bigger than we can imagine for ourselves, and we pray that you would continue to show us all the goodness you have in store. Thank you that we can trust you, Lord. Amen!

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