

DREAM OPENING SESSION | DAY 1



Key Question	How do we trust God with our present & future?
Life Application	Following my dreams can bless me and others
Bottom Line	God has a plan for me and my dreams. He can do anything.
Basic Truth	I can trust God no matter what

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What's the biggest dream I've ever had?

Supplies: Technicolour Coat, something to add to coat to act as blood, Hats for brothers x5 with title brother on it, Pit, electric scooter for Vesper

Characters:	Narrator	Gad
	Jacob	Reuben
	Joseph	Judah
	Dan	Sheep
		Travelling Traders

Host: Good morning, everyone, and WELCOME to VISTO Performing Arts Camp! We are so excited that you are here with us this week, and we can't wait to get to know all of you!

In the spirit of that, let's take a moment to introduce our staff! Can I get all of our Crew Leaders and Creative Team members to come up to the front?

proceed with asking each staff member a silly question to answer in the mic

Host: These fabulous staff will be travelling around with you from activity to activity all day long. If you ever have a question or need some help with something, these folks are always available.

To start the day off with some fun, we're going to be playing a game that will help us...

VESPER: (scootering into the gym, trips slightly over scooter to get off) Did someone just say *game*? I love playing games.

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Host: Oh, hey, Vesper! I did say “game”, we’re just about to get started on a game to help us get to know our crew better! Do you want to introduce yourself to the campers and then play with us?

VESPER: [bowing to campers dramatically] Hi VISTO campers! It is so nice to meet all of you. I’m Vesper and I’m so excited to be at camp this summer! Some of you guys might know my cousin Vera who was here last summer, but she’s working at Starbucks this whole summer, so I get to hang out at VISTO with every one of you campers. So that’s me! (Host’s Name), what game are we playing today?

Host: We’re going to start our morning by getting to know our crews better in a little game called Line-Up. I’m going to call out different categories, and you’re going to line up with your crew in that order. Vesper, do you want to join a crew? (Vesper does) Let’s do a practice round. Line up in order from tallest to shortest - GO!

Line up in order by number of siblings you have.

Line up in order by hair colour, lightest to darkest.

Line up in order alphabetically by first name.

Line up in order by number of pets owned.

Line up according to your birthdays - first in the year goes first.

Host: Great job everyone, you can all take a seat!

VESPER: Wow, that was awesome. I need to tell my cousin all about my first time meeting you guys! Bye everyone. (exit backstage to be a character in skit)

Host: Thank you so campers for diving in and playing along with us. Whether you’re new to camp or returning, we have lots in store for you! Our days will be packed full of singing, dancing, acting, activities, learning and so much more. Monday to Thursday you’ll go through your days with rotating stations, and then Friday everything goes topsy turvy and we present a Showcase! Each of you will play an important part in our Showcase as our friends and family get to see all that we’ve been learning this week.

We have two quick ways that we like to get your attention. If you hear any staff member shout out VISTOOO, you’re going to respond by also shouting out VISTO and then being totally silent. Let’s give that a try!

The second way one of our staff might try to get your attention is by holding up a V with their fingers just like this [demonstrate]. If you see this at any point, you know it’s time to stop making noise and tune in! Let’s try.

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Host: [Have physical bible with you] Thanks everyone. We're going to switch gears and dive into our focus of the day. Each day this week you will hear about stories and lessons from a book called the Bible. The Bible is a bunch of stories, letters and poems from waaaaaay back when that we use to get to know God better. And we know that the Bible is truth! Can you say that with me? The Bible is... TRUTH!

For those of you who have maybe never heard of God before, He's like a super loving and powerful friend who is always with us, even though we can't see Him. He made everything, including you and me, and He loves us very much.

Staff set up for skit

Cue Bible Story Time SFX

This week we're learning about a man named Joseph. Joseph was a dreamer, and God used his dreams to help give messages to the people around Joseph, but sometimes, people didn't love what those messages said. Let's hear a bit about the first dream we hear of Joseph's in the Bible and see where it landed him.

Host/NARRATOR: There was a man named Jacob, who had twelve sons, but his favorite sons were Joseph and Benjamin. When this story begins, Joseph is young man, about seventeen years old.

JOSEPH: Hey there! I'm Joseph!

NARRATOR: He took care of the family's sheep. One day Joseph brought a bad report of his brothers to their father Jacob. That means he saw them doing something their father wouldn't like – and he tattled on them.

JOSEPH: Wait till Dad hears about this...

During next speech, Jacob puts robe on Joseph

NARRATOR: Now Jacob loved Joseph and he had a special robe made for him – a long robe with beautiful colors. Very expensive and very special! But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than them, they hated him and didn't have many kind things to say about him.

DAN: He's so annoying!

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GAD: So full of himself!

REUBEN: It's so frustrating that Dad doesn't even notice the rest of us, no matter what we do.

JUDAH: Joseph had better watch his back.

NARRATOR: Once Joseph had a dream, and he told his brothers about it.

JOSEPH: Listen to this dream I had! There we were, putting together bundles of wheat in the field. Suddenly my wheat rose and stood upright; then your bundles gathered around it and bowed down to mine. Isn't that crazy?!

GAD: Do you think you're going to rule over us?

JUDAH: We're older than you – and you think you're going to be in charge of us?

NARRATOR: So, they hated him even more because of his dreams and his words. Then he had another dream, and told it to his brothers:

JOSEPH: I also had another dream! In this one, the sun, the moon, and eleven stars were bowing down to me! Pretty cool!

NARRATOR: His brothers were jealous of him. One day, Joseph's brothers went to take care to their father's sheep. Jacob sent Joseph to check on his brothers and bring him word of what they were doing. So, Joseph set off to find his brothers and the sheep and spotted them far off. His brothers also saw Joseph approaching in the distance – and they began to make a plan... to kill him.

DAN: Here comes the Dreamer.

GAD: Hey – let's throw him into one of these pits!

DAN: We'll tell Dad that a wild animal ate him.

JUDAH: Then we'll see what becomes of his dreams!

NARRATOR: So, when Joseph came to his brothers –

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JOSEPH: Hi, guys! What's up?

NARRATOR: – They grabbed him, and tore off his beautiful robe.

JOSEPH [pulling off coat]: Hey!!!

BROTHERS [all shouting at once]: Grab him! Give me that! Not so fancy now! .

NARRATOR: Then they threw him into a pit. Seeing a group of travelling men, Judah said...

JUDAH: What's in it for us if we just kill our brother? I have a better idea. Let's sell him to those traders, as a slave! We'll rip his robe, put goat's blood on it and tell father he was killed by an animal.

DAN: I guess so...

GAD: Money is good!

NARRATOR: So that is what they did. They took the bloody, torn robe to Jacob, and he mourned for his son for many days. All of his children tried to comfort him.

REUBEN: Dad, you still have all of us...

GAD: We love you, Dad...

JACOB: No, I will not be comforted.

NARRATOR: Meanwhile, Joseph.... well, that's a story for tomorrow! We've got the whole week to learn about the story of Joseph and his dreams.

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What was that? **Dream big, dream small, trust God through it all!**

You know, campers, sometimes when we have a plan or dream for our lives, everything doesn't happen all at once. We need patience to wait and see where God takes us. Our dreams and goals can range from as big as being a Broadway star, to as small as getting to school on time in the morning.

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As you travel around and spend time in your crews today, I want you to think about this question...

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What's the biggest dream I've ever had?

To end of our time together this morning, we're going to pray as one big VISTO family. Raise your hand if you've heard of prayer before!

Prayer is talking to God. God hears us no matter where we are, what we're doing, or who we're doing it with! We don't have to be scared to pray or feel like we need the perfect words to talk to God. God wants to hear from us about everything in our lives, whether we are happy, sad, feeling encouraged about our dreams, or feeling like nothing is making sense. He loves hearing our prayers, and He loves talking to us! Prayer can be a time for us to be quiet and listen to God, too.

Let's pray to God now for our day and thank Him for our dreams.

Dear God, we thank you for bringing all our campers and staff together for VISTO camp this morning! You have created each of us uniquely, and you've given each of us dreams that we want to see come true - thank you! Help us to have a great day and to reflect on our big dreams today. Amen.

VISTO VIRTUES | Behaviour Expectations

HOST: Now, in order to make our week at camp the best it can possibly be, we have a few rules or VIRTUES that are important for all of us! As VISTO Company, we need you to listen to, respect and follow these VISTO VIRTUES....

CANVA ANIMATION VISTO VIRTUES

Host: Be respectful, kind, and honest with your fellow campers and leaders. VISTO Camp doesn't tolerate bullying at all. VISTO staff are here to support you- if you have a problem and need help - let us know. There will be actions taken if you are involved in any bullying.

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We are excited to see you go above & beyond in kindness- consider welcoming a new friend to eat lunch with you, share those kind thoughts that come to mind when you hear a friend singing or excelling at a game.

VISTO is all about everyone feeling safe - cared for, protected & a place where you can go for it and explore your artistic abilities - no matter what! One of my biggest dreams is that every single person at VISTO feels loved and free to be who they are.

We're excited that we have an awesome outdoor space to use during our scheduled breaks. This means you can only be outside when given permission and you have staff with you. We will also be staying within the boundaries of the fence outside- no wandering off.

Another VISTO Virtue is to help us keep distractions away. Phones & toys need to be away during the day. There is so much going on at VISTO that we hope you won't even miss these things.

Lastly, DIVE IN! We hope that you will jump into activities and learning with enthusiasm. We want you to feel courageous enough to try new things and excited to learn about yourself and your incredibly unique abilities. Our entire staff will be participating with you - so let's do this!

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