

DREAM OPENING SESSION | DAY 4



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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How can God help me with challenges in the future?

Supplies: Slide show photos of Vesper, projector & screen, cue cards for Vesper to read

Characters: Joseph Vesper
Pharoah _____
Brothers remaining staff

Host + Vesper on floor in front of stage to start

Host: Welcome back, fabulous campers, to day 4 of your VISTO Camp Week! We are so close to our Showcase tomorrow and the whole team is so inspired and impressed by how you've been working so hard this week and diving into each of our activities. Why don't we get our morning started by getting up on our feet and making a big circle! The game we're going to play is called "Strike A Pose".

VESPER: I LOVE POSES! I've been looking at all kinds of model poses that would perfectly show off my costumes for the actors on Broadway. Will you try a couple of those poses with me? [Does a couple of poses for campers to follow along with]

Host: That sets up our game perfectly, Vesper. Here's how it's going to work - each of you is going to secretly choose someone else in the circle. Then, we're all going to close our eyes and each strike a pose! When I call out "ACTION", you're going to open your eyes and begin to copy the person you chose to watch, and just keep changing with them if they change! (Note for Host** If done correctly, everyone should morph into the same pose). Are we ready to give it a try? (Do a second round if well received)

Host: Nice work, VISTO campers! Thank you for playing along and choosing all of those

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fabulous poses! Now come on over and take a seat and we'll pick up where we left off our story.

VESPER: (waving hand frantically in the air) Oh, oh, oh, excuse me!!

Host: Yes, Vesper?

VESPER: Well, I have been so excited all week learning about Joseph, but the anticipation of wanting to know what happens next was too hard. So, I did what you talked about and did some reading in my Bible to find out, though I still have some questions. I put together a little presentation of what I think happens next- think I could share it with our campers?

Host: Wow, Vesper, that's awesome that you spent some time reading your bible to better understand what happens next! I think we'd all love to see what you have in store...

VESPER: I call it Joseph's Story through Snapshots!

Cue Bible Story Time SFX

Have story printed out on cue cards for Vesper to read along with the photos

Photo of Vesper as Joseph with Pharoah, pretending to interpret his dream using the props

Ahem- After Joseph wisely interpreted Pharaoh's puzzling dreams, he offered him suggestions on how to save the people during the famine.

Photo of Vesper/Joseph at a Chalk Board with plans for the famine

I remember that a famine is when there isn't enough food for everyone. The tools and experience Joseph learned when he was with Potiphar and in jail let him help Pharaoh. God had helped prepare Joseph for this moment, even in challenging times.

Photo of Pharaoh patting Vesper's/Joseph's head

Pharaoh thought Joseph was a pretty smart dude and he understood how Joseph's awesome gifts could come in handy and immediately made him second in command over all Egypt.

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Photo of Vesper/Joseph standing proudly with a fancy cape or superhero mask

That means Joseph gained a lot of power over the people of Egypt and was able to make big decisions. With God's help and Joseph's smart thinking, the land of Egypt was able to store up enough food so that they could survive the coming famine.

Photo of other staff lined up in front of Vesper/Joseph with empty bowls

During the famine, people from all over the surrounding lands came to visit Egypt, hoping that they would be able to get some food for their families. Now, this is where it gets crazy, and this is where I really saw God in the story.

Photo of Vesper/Joseph with his brothers around (in brother hats), looking angry

Joseph's brothers come one day (gasp), asking for some food in exchange for money. Can you imagine how Joseph may have been feeling in this situation? After so many long years, seeing the very brothers who sold him? Joseph was super angry, and I can imagine why. His brothers sold him! I just know that would have hurt his feelings so badly, I would have been heartbroken seeing them again. Forgiving people when they've done something wrong to you is important, but it seems so hard when Joseph's brothers did something so terrible to him!

Host: You're right, Vesper. It must have been very difficult for Joseph to see his brothers again, and to even think about forgiving them. But God was working in Joseph's heart and the hearts of his brothers. In the challenges of Joseph's life, God prepared him to have power over Egypt, help many people in need of food, and even learn to forgive.

Vesper, I'm really proud of you for taking the time to learn more about Joseph's story on your own. Let's leave the end of the story as one more cliffhanger and later today we will see how God's plan played out in Joseph's life, not only for his sake but for the benefit of his brothers too. Sometimes we only realize afterward how much God has helped us helped us grow stronger, wiser, or more compassionate through a challenge.

VESPER: Oh, campers you're going to love it! **Dream big, dream small... trust God through it all!**

Host: As we go about our day today, let's ask ourselves this question:

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VESPER: __Host Name__, I have a question. Can I pray this morning for everyone?

Host: That's a great idea, Vesper! Go ahead.

VESPER: Dear God, thank you so much for bringing everyone to VISTO camp again today. It's been so fun to get to know everyone, and to dream big with everyone. Help us to remember that even in challenging times, you're always helping us and teaching us things, just like Joseph. With you, I know that we can do anything. Help us to have the best day ever! Amen.

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