

DREAM OPENING SESSION | DAY 5



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

DAY 5: JOSEPH & JESUS: A COMPARISON

Following my dream can bless me and others

Supplies: Joseph bloodied jacket, goblet and loaf of bread, cow mask and bundle of grain, empty bowl and brother hat, iodine, bleach, jars, and water for experiment

Host: Welcome back, fabulous campers, to day 5 of your VISTO Camp Week! We are so close to our Showcase today 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.

Hold up some sort of prop to signify the story of that day- laid out on a table on the stage - covered to be revealed by Host

Cue Bible Story Time SFX

Hold up bloodied jacket

We've been learning this week about Joseph and the incredible journey he had to get to where God needed him to be. On day 1 this week we learned of Joseph interpreting his brother's dreams- and through God's wisdom, Joseph was able to predict that his family would bow down to him.

On day 2 we looked at Joseph working for a man named Potiphar as well as his experience of being in jail and interpreting the dreams of two men. Does anyone remember who those two men were?

Hold up goblet and loaf of bread

That's right, there was a baker and a cupbearer. Joseph was able to interpret the cupbearer's dream that he would be working for Pharaoh again soon and Joseph asked that the cupbearer remember his name. Does anyone remember how long it took for the cupbearer to remember about Joseph in jail and tell Pharaoh about him?

Hold up cow mask and bundle of grain

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Two whole years!! That's a long time to be sitting around in jail waiting for someone to remember you, but it worked out even better than Joseph could have dreamed! Joseph's ability to help Pharaoh understand his dreams and ultimately save Egypt from famine allowed Joseph to become Pharaoh's right-hand man.

Because Joseph was now in this position, he saw the many people who came and asked for food, including... [wait to see if campers say it]

Hold up empty bowl and brother hat

Host: That's right- his brothers who had sold him and had treated him so poorly. Joseph had every reason to hate his brothers, and yet with the help of God working in his heart, Joseph was able to forgive his brothers and care for them.

Start to move to the stage with experiment table

Host: You know, friends, there was different man also named Joseph in the Bible who had a very important dream about the child he was about to have with a woman named Mary. Joseph and Mary had a child, and his name was Jesus.

Host: Jesus is actually the son of God, who came to earth to help us create real relationships with God. Like Joseph from our stories this week, Jesus experienced many challenges on Earth, and it often seemed like nothing made sense and God's plan was failing.

Pour the iodine into the jar with water

Sometimes in this life, in this world, we can become clouded by the things and choices around us. That can lead us to make decisions and dreams that don't help others, and that are not good for us. We can get lost in the muck of the world that leaves us feeling heavy and alone. We might feel like God doesn't have a plan for us, or like everything is falling apart.

But the story doesn't end there. Joseph turned to God to help him understand his dreams and the dreams of those around him. You can also have a relationship with God through Jesus, and turn to Him for help, just like Joseph. Growing that relationship with God helps us to make wise choices and avoid some of the things that make us feel heavy or alone.

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Slowly begin to pour the bleach into the same jar

You see, because God loves each one of us so much, He sent Jesus so that we can have this relationship with him. He walks alongside us through our times of celebration and trouble. We can learn more about prayer and the promises and dreams that God has for our lives through the Bible. When we do, we begin to see life a bit more clearly.

Slowing pour iodine into bleach jar

Now, that's not to say that we won't still face challenges and hard times; Joseph and Jesus trusted God, and they still experienced challenges. But we can know that our God always stays the same, even when the world is messy and challenges come our way. God is not surprised when we face hard things; he already knows what our lives will look like, and he can do anything.

Jesus made the dream of a personal relationship with God a possibility for all of us. He made sure there was a way for you & me to have God in our heart forever. That way, we can have a relationship with Him, turn to him, and trust him with our lives.

If you've been thinking that this is pretty awesome and you're interested in having a relationship with God, I have great news for you! God wants to get to know you better and be in your heart. We can invite Him into our lives together. And you can talk with your crew leader or other leaders throughout our day today if you have questions about God or getting to know him.

You can close your eyes or keep them open but let's talk to God together now.

Dear God, we need you. We know you love us. Today, I want you to know that I am sorry for any mistakes I've made. I believe in you and your ability to make my mistakes clean, even when I make decisions that are not good for me or others.

Thank you for being you! And thank you for being my God. I love you & I want to live my life for you. I promise to dream big with you - and grow and bless others with my dreams and all the things you have given me. You are awesome, God! Amen.

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