

OPENING SESSION | DAY 1



Key Question	Who am I?
Life Application	I am who God says I am
Bottom Line	God made me amazing and wonderful
Basic Truth	I am deeply loved by God, just as I am

DAY 1: Amazing and Wonderful, Made by God

Who is amazing and wonderful? I am!

Supplies:

- Bible
- Bible Story sound effect
- “Adam and Eve” actors dressed in a brown shirt and pants barefoot
- disco ball and flashlight to shine on Adam and Eve when they are “created”
- audio sound of angels singing “Ahhh!”
- small bowl of sand mixed with cornstarch to make it blowable (for Crew Leader blowing sand on Adam and Eve)
- Large glammed up mirror (this becomes a stage decoration for the rest of the week)
- Small bowl of sand mixed with cornstarch to make it blowable

HOST: Good morning! Welcome to VISTO Performing Arts Camp! My name is _____. When I say VISTO!!, you say VISTO!! (Hold out V-shaped fingers.)

We are so excited that you are here! Some of you may recognize each other, and some of you may not know anyone in this room...YET! We can't wait to get to know YOU this week and for you to make new friends, too!

This week is all about YOU! (Host leans in toward Campers) Yes, You! We will be talking about how YOU are special, unique, and important.

Call & Response: **“Uniquely who? You! Uniquely We? Me!”**

UNIQUELY ME!

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Host:

Now lend me your ear, amazing Campers! With all we get to do this week, it's important that you follow directions right away, the first time we ask. We have two quick ways to get your attention.

When we say VISTOOO!, you say VISTOOO! Then be super silent.

Another way we will get your attention is by holding up a V with our fingers for VISTO. (demonstrate) If you see this, it's time to stop making noise and tune in! Got it? Great!

Introduce VISTO Staff

Now, this week wouldn't be possible without the amazing VISTO Creative Team and VISTO Crew Leaders. I would love to introduce them to you now! VISTO Staff to the stage, please, so everyone can meet you.

You are important to us and we want to know more about you. So, I will ask each of you a get-to-know you question.

Keep answers brief

- What colour are your eyes?
- Which of your five senses (seeing, hearing, tasting, smelling, touch) do you feel is the strongest and why?
- Would you rather eat something sweet or savoury? Tell us the sweet or savoury thing you love to eat.
- Raise your hand if you snore.
- Have you ever walked in your sleep? (Have Crew Leader share what happened when sleepwalking.)
- Have you ever been in a theatre production or performed on stage? If so, what was your favourite character to play?
- What's your favourite song or movie?

Host:

Thank you for your fun answers. We are so happy that you are our VISTO Staff.

This fabulous VISTO Staff will be singing, acting, and dancing right alongside you. They will travel with you from activity to activity all day long. On Friday, they will join you in presenting a Showcase (showcase) where your friends and family come to see all you learn this week. It will be a magical performance!

If you have a question or need help any time this week, the amazing VISTO Staff is here for you. They want this to be the best week ever!

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Group Up!

Play background music during game time

Host:

Now, let's get to know each other. You might find one person or a bunch of people just like you with these questions.

Please stand up and form a group in your Crew. When I call a category, I want you to group up with other campers in your Crew who match your answer. Ready?

Find others who:

- were born the same month as you
- are your same height
- have your eye colour
- have your hair colour
- brought a sandwich for lunch
- play a sport
- play Minecraft
- are at VISTO Camp this week

Host:

Wow, Campers. Thank you so much for playing along with us. I love that we ended up together in one Crew!

You being here makes VISTO Camp awesome, and we've only just begun.

Connection with IDENTITY theme

Host:

(leans in toward Campers) Did you know that each of you are a masterpiece? Your eye colour, hair colour, and your height – every part of you is special. You are amazing and wonderful, just as you are.

When I think of masterpieces, I think of beautiful paintings hanging in a museum. (Host has a look of awe on their face as they pretend to wonder through an art exhibit.)

Another masterpiece is a theatre performance with costumes and set and beautiful music. (Host pretends like they have a fancy costume on, does a twirl or a bow, or conducts the music like a composer would.)

Who has been to a theatre performance before? (raise hand)

This week, we will explore how you are a masterpiece. Yes, you heard me right. YOU are a masterpiece!

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Host:

Here at VISTO Camp, we believe and celebrate that God is the one true God who loves you and me very much.

When God looks at you, He says, “Wow! You are amazing and wonderful and very important.” He calls you a masterpiece.

How do I know this? (Get the Bible) Because of the book called the Bible. The Bible is full of stories, letters, and poems that help us learn more about God and His son, Jesus.

BIBLE STORY | Genesis 2, God Created Me

Cue Bible Story SFX

Host:

Today, we will learn about how God made EVERYTHING! He made each one of us.

VERA suddenly appears looking at herself in a hand-held mirror.

Host:

Hello, VERA! Campers, this is VERA. Go ahead and say, “Hi, VERA!”

VERA:

Hi, everyone!

Host:

Now, what are you looking at?

VERA:

Myself!

Host:

I can see that. You are holding a mirror.

VERA:

Well, I like looking at myself in the mirror. I sing and dance in front of the mirror. I make sure I don't have any broccoli in my teeth by looking in a mirror. How would I know what I look like if I didn't have a mirror?

Host:

You're right, VERA. It's a good thing we have mirrors.

You know, I was just telling the Campers that God made everything, even mirrors.

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VERA:

God made EVERYTHING?! That's amazing! I do love all of the animals, and the birds, and the beach, and when it rains, and when the leaves turn colours in the fall. Wait!? Are you telling me God made all of that?!

Host:

Yes, VERA! And get this! God made people, too. VERA, God made you. You should look in your mirror and say, "God made me."

Host points VERA's mirror toward herself and demonstrates, pointing to herself in the mirror as if "I'm so cool because God made me" while saying "God made me."

VERA:

Gets excited and grabs the mirror back from the Host to point to herself and pose in front of the mirror

Yeah! God made me.

Host:

Campers, God made you. Tell your neighbour, "God made me."

VERA:

Hold on a minute, __Host's name__. (sets mirror down). How did God make people?

Adam and Eve enter, then curl into a ball

Host:

It says right here in this book, the Bible.

Read from the Bible

"God made the first man from dust of the ground.

(Adam slowly unrolls as if coming to life and does a dance move when he reaches full height.)

He shaped the dirt into a man

As Adam unrolls, another Crew Leader off stage blows or sprinkles sand to represent dirt

and breathed into him the breath of life.

Cue wind SFX

Adam hits his chest with both fists and then open his arms wide as if taking in a big breath

And the man became a living person.

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Cue angel Sound FX
(Genesis 2:7)

VERA:

What?! I used to make mud pies when I was a kid but not people out of mud!
God made a man out of dirt from the ground, and breathed into him,

(VERA scoops sand in her palm and blows on it)

and he came alive?! That is amazing.

Host:

I know! It's amazing. That's why He's God, VERA! God named the first man Adam. Adam was a masterpiece, amazing and wonderful, made by God.

Adam is still onstage and does another dance move.
Cue audio of the angels singing again "Ahhh!" to represent him
being amazing and wonderfully made

Host:

But God didn't want Adam to be all alone, so he made the first woman.

Eve, also dressed in all brown, curled up into a ball unrolls
as if coming to life and does a dance move when she reaches full height

God named her Eve.

Cue angel SFX

Together, they took care of the animals and plants that God made.

Adam and Eve put their arms around each other
and then walk offstage together

VERA: (Jumps up again making the mind-blowing motion)

That's amazing. God made Adam and Eve, the first man and woman. So cool!

Host:

Want to hear what else is cool? When God looked at everything He made, He said, "It was good." He liked what He made.

But when he looked at the people He made, He said, "It was VERY good."

I think you should point to yourself and say, "I am made very good." (Host points to them self with flair)

VERA:

I am made very good. (Points to herself with flair)

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Host:

Campers, point to your neighbour sitting beside you and say,
“You were made very good.”

Allow time for Campers to do so

Host:

I want you to know today that you are amazing and wonderful, made by God.

Hey, VERA! Where’s your mirror?

VERA runs to get it and hands it to the Host

The next time you look in the mirror, VERA, or you, Campers, I want you to remember how God made you... WHAT?!... amazing and wonderful.

This is who you are. It’s your identity.

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VERA:

I’ve gotta go see myself in a BIG mirror in the bathroom. Bye, Campers!

Host:

As you go throughout your day, I want you to ask yourself: Who is amazing and wonderful?

Cue Question of the Day & Sound FX

VISTO VIRTUES | Behaviour Expectations



Cue VISTO Virtues Animation

Host:

Now lend me your ear, amazing Campers! We have important rules to help this be an awesome week of Camp.

Cue Animation

1. Be Respectful and Kind

At VISTO Camp, we want everyone to feel safe. No bullying or unkind comments are allowed. There will be actions taken if you are involved in any bullying.

At VISTO Camp, we're excited to see you shine in kindness toward everyone. Welcome a new friend to eat lunch with you. Share kind words and cheer each other on.

Cue Animation

2. Go Outside with Permission

We have an awesome outdoor space to play; however, we go outside only when given permission. VISTO Camp is all about sticking together! VISTO Staff must be with you at all times when outside. Stay within the boundaries, please. No wandering off.

Cue Animation

3. Keep Your Hands to Yourself

There are amazing, magical things around VISTO Camp for us to explore but only when invited to do so. Look with your eyes and don't touch until you are invited to. Keep your hands to yourself, even with friends and family. This is how we keep everyone safe. Keep distractions, toys, and phones away in your bag so you don't miss all of the amazing things at VISTO.

Cue Animation

4. Dive In!

We invite you to jump into activities and learn with enthusiasm!! We want you to feel courageous to try new things and to learn about yourself and how you are amazing and wonderful.

You won't be the only one singing, dancing, and acting this week. Our entire VISTO Staff will be participating with you and cheering you on, so let's do this!

UNIQUELY ME!