

OPENING SESSION | DAY 3



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 3: Becoming More Like God

How can I be kind and caring to someone today?

Supplies:

- VERA's Playbill with Tic Tac Toe card in it
- Tupperware containers or plastic plates that look like fancy china glued or taped together and stacked really high
- local newspaper / Flyer
- a Bible
- Projector, Projector screen for Puppet show
- Puppets for Jesus, tax collector, a beggar, Mary, Martha, and a little cloth to wrap puppet Lazarus up in

Canva animation on screen of VERA!
Winner of the Super Star Citizen of Woodstock 2025!
In flashing lights, Canva animation appears on screen of
"VERA! JUST LIKE JESUS!" in flashing lights

Host:

Hooray! Today's Day 3 of VISTO Camp!
(Hold out V-shaped fingers. Wait for a response from the Campers)

I hope all of you jumped out of bed excited for another day of VISTO - I sure did! We're so happy you're here!

This whole week is about YOU, and how you are a masterpiece, amazing and wonderful, made by God. You have purpose with important things to do.

Who did important things last night and got your
Tic Tac Toe "Take Action" done? (complete action arms)

Raise your hand.

UNIQUELY ME!

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VERA comes running on stage waiving her Playbill and carrying a tower of plates, containers or plastic plates attached together

VERA:

I did it! I did it! I did my important things and got three X's in a row! I brushed my teeth! (leans forward and gives the audience a big toothy grin) (As she leans forward, her big stack of plates do, too.)

I made my bed last night with me in it! And I unloaded the dishwasher.

Host:

Hi, VERA. (Give Campers time to say, Hi, VERA!)

It looks like you brought the dishes you unloaded to camp.

VERA: (sets the Tupperware tower on the stage)

I was in a hurry. I jumped out of bed this morning so excited to come to camp, but I couldn't come without my third X. (points finger wildly at her Tic Tac Toe card in her Playbill)

Host:

Way to go, VERA! Your rock. (Give each other a high five)

VERA:

I better take these plates back home before my mom wonders where all of her plates went. Bye, Campers!

(VERA waves to the Campers, and takes her stack of plates and exits the stage to get ready for her second part in the Opening Session.)

Would You Rather? Game

Host:

Let's play a game of Would You Rather? Everyone to their feet. I'm going to call out a Would You Rather question.

Listen carefully to all of my directions before you move because I will tell you what to do if you would rather have one thing over the other.

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Here's an example:

Stay standing if you would rather have ketchup on your hotdog on Friday at the Showcase BBQ. Sit down if you would rather have mustard on your hotdog.

Got it?

(Host acts each one out as they explain it)

- Lip sing into a pretend microphone if you would rather sing on stage or (pause) jam out on your air guitar if you would rather be a part of a band.
- Rub your belly if you would rather have cake or (pause) stand on one foot if you would rather have pie.
- Snore loudly if you would rather sleep in or (pause) pretend to eat popcorn because you'd rather stay up late and watch a movie!
- Pretend to swim if you would rather vacation at the beach or (pause) pretend to throw snowballs if you would rather vacation in a snowy place.
- Pretend to write on a piece of paper if you would rather write a spelling quiz or (pause) pretend to type on a calculator if you would rather solve math problems.

Host:

It is so fun playing games with you. I learned so much about each of you based on what you would rather do. You may have a seat.

(VERA Comes running in waving a newspaper/magazine.
Can get the What's On, Woodstock! Magazine)

VERA:

Guess what! Guess what! They want me! They need me! I am the right person for them!

Host:

VERA, what are you talking about?

VERA: (Showing the Host the magazine)

(Enter your city) Woodstock is looking for its next Super Star! (full body animation)

Host:

Super Star?

VERA:

Yes! Super Star Citizen. It's me! I just know it.

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Host:

Well, what makes you their next Super Star Citizen?

VERA:

It says it right here.

With each item VERA lists, she pats or fans herself,
flutters her eye lashes, and says, Check!

They are looking for someone who....

others admire. (Turns to Host) Do you admire me? (Let Host respond, Yes) Check!

Who is loving. Check!

Who is kind. Check!

Who is caring. For sure, Check!

Someone who gives to the poor. Check!

Who helps others. Check!

Who encourages friends. Check! (Turns to Campers, "You're doing awesome!")

Someone who is humble. (pause) Check!

Host:

Wow, VERA! I guess you could be Woodstock's next Super Star Citizen. (enter your city's name)

VERA:

See, I told you. (Walks around proudly)

I can see it now, written in bright lights: VERA! Winner of the Super Star Citizen.

Canva animation appears on screen of VERA! Winner
of the Super Star Citizen of Woodstock!

Host:

You know, VERA, that list you read off reminds me a lot of Jesus and the kind of person Jesus was when He lived here on earth. Jesus is loving, kind, and caring. He took care of the poor, helped others, and encouraged His friends.

I think that if you had "VERA! Just like Jesus" written in bright lights, that would be even more amazing than Super Star Citizen of Woodstock (enter your city's name).

Canva animation leaves screen

VERA:

Really? Just like Jesus. (says it a bit doubtfully, but still curious) How can I become more like Jesus?

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BIBLE STORY – JUST LIKE JESUS

Cue Bible Story Time SFX

Supplies for Bible Story

- Mary
- Martha
- Lazarus
- Tomb
- Paper Puppets on sticks for a puppet show behind the projector
- Jesus
- Tax collector holding a money bag
- Beggar

Paper Puppet Show takes place as Host shares the Bible Story

Host:

Great question, VERA. The best way to learn how to become more like Jesus is to read in the Bible what He did and how He treated others.

Be Loving and Kind:

Let's see, you said being loving and kind would help you win the Super Star Citizen award.

Jesus was loving and kind. He talked to people who were ignored, poor, and sick. He showed kindness to beggars calling out for money and food when others told them to be quiet.

Jesus puppet, behind the projector screen, walks on to help up a beggar who is sitting on the ground calling out for money

He talked to tax collectors, even though no one liked them because they took people's money.

Jesus puppet, behind the projector screen, walks to the tax collector puppet, they talk, and then give high fives

Caring

VERA:

How about being caring? That was on the Super Star Citizen award.

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Host:

Jesus had friends named Mary and Martha. When their brother, Lazarus, died, Jesus cared so much that He cried when He saw them crying. Lazarus was His friend, too.

Jesus puppet, behind the projector screen, shakes as if crying.

Then he walks over to a tomb where Mary and Martha puppet are. They hug

Do you know what Jesus did, VERA?

By the time, Jesus got to Mary and Martha, Lazarus had already been dead for four days! He was already buried in a tomb. Jesus went to where Lazarus was buried and told him to get up and come out of the tomb. Lazarus came to life again and walked out of the tomb!

Then Jesus puppet motions to call Lazarus out of the tomb.
Lazarus puppet is all wrapped up. Puppet master pulls off material wrapped around the puppet and Lazarus puppet jumps up and down

VERA:

Wow! That's amazing! Jesus brought His friend Lazarus back from the dead!

Encourages Friends:

VERA:

Did Jesus encourage His friends? That was on the Woodstock Super Star Citizen list, too. (enter your city's name).

Host:

You betcha! Jesus encouraged his friends by spending time with them and listening to them. He also encouraged them to love each other, to forgive, and to trust in Him.

Every day, VERA, as we play with our friends and siblings, help with chores around the house, and be good teammates, we have opportunities to be loving, kind, caring, and encouraging to others just like Jesus.

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

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VERA:

I want to be like Jesus by being kind, encouraging, caring, and helping.

You know what, ____Host's name____? You are right! "VERA, JUST LIKE JESUS" would be an even better sign to have in flashing lights than Super Star Citizen of Woodstock. (enter your city's name).

Canva animation appears on screen of VERA!
JUST LIKE JESUS! in flashing lights

VERA:

(Says to Host) Gotta go. I'm going to find some Campers to be kind and caring to.

Host:

Bye, VERA! Campers, as you go about your day, I want you to ask the question,
How can I be kind and caring to someone today?

Question of the Day Animation

When you see a way to be kind, caring, encouraging, or a helper to someone, do it!

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