

OPENING SESSION | DAY 4



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 4: Deeply Loved by God, Just as I Am Who does God love? (Everyone! Me!)

Supplies:

- Each Crew needs a bag of regular size marshmallows, two chopsticks, and a bowl
- Three tables, one for each Crew
- Green painter's tape to mark a starting line on the floor
- shoebox decorated like a Valentine's box that holds Valentine's cards in it
- Short clip of love music
- a Bible
- projector and screen to watch Bible Story video

Host:

I'm so happy you are here at VISTO Camp! (Hold out V-shaped fingers. Wait for a response from the Campers)

Today is an important day as we put the finishing touches on our Showcase. (Jazz hands)
We get to share what we have learned this week with your family and friends! Have you invited them to Showcase (Jazz hands) and BBQ tomorrow?
When your family arrives, you will get your hotdog and drink with them, and eat together.

Also remember to wear what shirt tomorrow? Your VISTO shirt!

Now, let's play a game!

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Marshmallow and Chopstick Challenge

Host:

Campers, form a line behind the taped line on the floor. When I say, Go!, one at a time, run to the table.

Use the chop sticks to scoop as many marshmallows as you can and put them in the empty bowl.

You have ten seconds!

Your Crew Leader is standing at the table counting to ten. When they say Stop!, drop the chop sticks and run back to your Crew to tag the next person.

When everyone in your Crew has gone, we will count the number of marshmallows in each bowl to determine the winner. Got it?

Play the game

Host:

Well done, Campers! It took speed and patience to collect the marshmallows, didn't it?

(VERA walks in with a shoebox decorated like a Valentine's box that holds Valentine's cards in it. It is piled full and doesn't close all the way.)

Hi VERA.

VERA:

Hi, everyone!

Give Campers time to say, "Hi, VERA!"

Host:

What is that you have there?

VERA:

A special box where I keep all of the cards I've ever received. This is my Christmas card from VISTO, and a Birthday card from my Crew Leader last year. One is from my grandma.

Host:

Wow! That is a lot of cards. What made you pull out your box of cards?

VERA:

I was thinking about LOVE, and how AMAZING it feels to be loved!

Cue love SFX

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Host:

There's no doubt about that! You have a lot of family and friends who love you, VERA. I can tell by all of the cards you have.

Did you know that God loves you, just as you are?

VERA:

He does?

Host:

Yes! God loves you very much.

Remember that you are a masterpiece, amazing and wonderful, made by God.

You were created for a purpose with important things to do.

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

VERA:

Knowing that makes me feel really special.

Host:

It doesn't matter how well you sing, dance, or act; how you look or dress, how smart you are or if you make mistakes.

His love for you is BIG (Host opens arms up in a circle, big and wide) and never stops! He loves you just as you are.

VERA:

Wow! Is there anyone else who has ever loved with that much love?

Host:

That's a great question, VERA. No one has ever loved as much as God, but I know a great story in the Bible about a dad who loved A LOT! Want to hear it?

VERA:

Yes! I love stories about a whole lot of love!

BIBLE STORY – Luke 15:11-32

Cue Bible Story SFX

Host:

Let's watch this video, [Click Here](#)

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Host:

Wow! What a story about a whole lot of love!

VERA:

Wait a minute! You mean the father wasn't even upset that his younger son spent all of his money? He didn't make him pay it back? He threw a party instead?!

Wild! Now I understand how this story is about a dad who loves a lot!

Host:

Yes! He never stopped loving his son! He was so happy when his son decided to come home.

In the same way, we might mess up or make poor choices, but God never stops loving us. We are deeply loved by God, just as we are.

Call & Response: "Uniquely Who? You! Uniquely We? Uniquely Me!"

As you go about your day, I want you to ask the question,

Who does God love?
cue Question of the Day Animation and SFX

Host and VERA exit at the same time