

SHOWCASE SCRIPT



[cue Best Day of My Life, Camp Dance]

Host 1 (Tabs): Good afternoon, everyone! Welcome to the VISTO Performing Arts Showcase! We're so glad you're here. Over the past five days, we've watched young people sing, dance, create, encourage one another, and discover the joy of trying something new.

But even more importantly, we've watched them discover that real joy grows when it's shared. Today we'd love to share a little of that joy with you.

Before we begin, please help us welcome the incredible team who had the privilege of walking alongside your children this week. Please welcome our amazing VISTO Staff!

cue staff entering one at a time, Quill enters SR

Tabs high-fives Quill and exits SL

Host 2 (Quill): Can I ask all the parents a question? When was the last time you saw your child absolutely light up with joy? (*Pause.*) Maybe it happened while they were laughing with a friend, trying something new, or discovering they could do something they never thought possible.

One of the things we love most about VISTO is getting to watch moments like that. Because real joy doesn't come from having a perfect week; it grows as young people discover how deeply they're loved. This week... our campers have been discovering something wonderful. Knowing Jesus is worth celebrating. And we've met someone who's been discovering that right alongside them. Everyone, please welcome... VESPER!

VESPER enters SR

VESPER: Hi everyone!! (*Audience responds.*) That was pretty good, but I think we can sound even more like one big camp family! When I say... **"Got some joy to share?"** you say, **"Share it everywhere!"** Ready?

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Call & Response

Got some joy to share? Share it everywhere!

VESPER: Let's do it one more time!

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VESPER: YES!! Now that sounds like camp! My name's Vesper! Some of you might remember my cousin Vera. She told me VISTO was the happiest place ever, and she wasn't wrong! When camp started, I thought joy meant getting everything I wanted. Ice cream for breakfast. No bedtime. Never cleaning my room.

But this week, I've started discovering something different. The more I've learned about Jesus, the more I've noticed something changing inside me. Real joy feels different than I expected. I'm still figuring it out, but I think we're going to discover even more together today.

Host 2 (Quill): Vesper, what's been bringing you joy this week?

VESPER: Cheering people on. Whenever someone felt nervous, I wanted them to know they could do it. And somehow, seeing someone else smile made me smile too. I don't completely understand it yet, but I think real joy is bigger than making myself happy.

Host 2 (Quill): I think you're onto something. Because sometimes people spend a long time looking for joy in all the wrong places. Let's see what happens when one group of detectives goes searching for it. Please welcome... **PARLANDO!**

Parlando scene

[cue Start the Party, Parlando song]

Parlando exits, Quill enters DSL

Host 2 (Quill): Let's hear it for Parlando! You know people spend a lot of time looking for joy. Some people think it comes from getting everything they want. Others think it comes when life finally gets easier. But this week, our campers discovered something completely different. They discovered that whenever people met Jesus, their lives were never the same. Let's take a look. Please welcome... THE VISTO NEWS NETWORK!

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Quill exits DSL

Bombershay enters

Anchor 1: Good evening and welcome to VNN: VISTO News Network! We're reporting live from an incredible week at camp where we've been investigating one big question: How do we find joy?

Anchor 2: It's been a huge week, so let's go straight to our top story.

Breaking News Reporter 1: BREAKING NEWS from Bethlehem! Reports confirm a baby named Jesus has been born, and witnesses say angels appeared in the sky announcing "good news of great joy!"

Breaking News Reporter 2: Shepherds rushed to see Him and celebrations immediately broke out across the region.

Anchor 1: Incredible news indeed. Let's check in with Weather.

Weather Reporter: Thanks, Anchor. Earlier this week, conditions were rough. A major storm rolled across the Sea of Galilee, but eyewitnesses report Jesus told the wind and waves to calm down- and they did.

Weather Reporter 2: Forecast for the rest of the week? Peaceful skies and much less panic.

Anchor 2: That's the kind of forecast everyone likes. Over to Sports.

Sports Reporter 1: What a week! In an unexpected upset, Team "Five Loaves and Two Fish" somehow fed over 5,000 people.

Sports Reporter 2: Experts are calling it one of the most impressive victories in history. Fans left full, amazed, and talking about it for days.

Anchor 1: Feeding 5,000 with five loaves of bread and two fish? That's what I call teamwork! Now for entertainment news.

Entertainment Reporter 1: The hottest ticket in town was Matthew's party! After Jesus invited Matthew to follow Him, Matthew threw a huge celebration and welcomed all kinds of people.

Entertainment Reporter 2: Critics are calling it the most inclusive party of the year.

Anchor 2: I was there; it was truly a party for everyone! And finally, let's go live to our field reporter.

Field Reporter 1: Thanks, Anchor. Throughout the week we've interviewed people who met Jesus. Children said they felt welcomed.

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Field Reporter 2: Crowds said they felt cared for. Ordinary fishermen said Jesus invited them to follow Him. The message seems clear: Jesus brings joy, welcomes everyone, and wants a relationship with us.

Anchor 1: What a week of headlines. From Bethlehem to fishing boats, from storms to parties, one story keeps showing up again and again:

All Together: Knowing Jesus is worth celebrating!

Anchor 2: And that's the good news. Good night, VISTO!

Bombershay exits, Quill enters

Host 2 (Quill): Let's thank our VNN reporters! *(Applause.)* This week, we watched people from all kinds of different backgrounds meet Jesus. Some were afraid. Some were lonely. Some felt forgotten. Some were searching for hope. But every story pointed to the same truth. When people met Jesus, they discovered they were deeply loved. And that changed everything. *(Pause.)*

VESPER enters thoughtfully from SR

VESPER: Quill... I think I'm starting to understand.

Host 2 (Quill): Understand what?

VESPER: Joy isn't something we have to go searching for. It's something we discover when we discover Jesus. And when we remember He's with us, joy keeps growing.

Host 2 (Quill): *(Smiles.)* I think you're right. And that's exactly what our campers have been discovering all week.

One of the things we love about VISTO is that camp doesn't end when campers go home. Every day our campers accepted a Take Action challenge, looking for simple ways to share the joy they discovered here. Let's hear one of those stories. Please welcome Tabs and one of our _(section)_ campers, _(camper name)_!

Tabs enters with camper and leads them through Take Action Testimony, then exits

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Host 2 (Quill): Thank you for sharing. We love seeing our campers take what they've discovered here and put it into practice at home. Because that's where joy keeps growing. And speaking of sharing joy, our next group has found a pretty creative way to do exactly that. Please welcome... **OLIO!**

Quill exits DSL as Olio enters

Olio scene

[cue Everything is Awesome, Olio song]

Host 2 (Quill): Let's hear it for Olio! Some of our favourite moments at VISTO don't happen on stage. They happen during games, crafts, small groups, friendships, and everyday moments of encouragement. Let's take a look back at some of the memories we made together this week.

[cue Recap video]

Bombershay enters as video finishes

Bombershay scene

[cue Good Day, Bombershay song]

Quill and Tabs enter as campers get into position for Camp Song

Host 2 (Quill): Let's hear it one more time for our incredible campers! (*Applause.*) One of the things we love most about VISTO is that the biggest moments don't always happen on stage. They happen when a young person discovers they are deeply loved by Jesus, and begins sharing that joy with others. And we believe that's only the beginning.

Host 1 (Tabs): Parents, thank you. Thank you for trusting us with your children this week. It has been a privilege to laugh with them, learn alongside them, and watch them grow. Our prayer is that the joy you've seen this week continues long after today.

Host 2 (Quill): As you head home today here's one question we'd love your family to talk about. **"Who could we share God's joy with this week?"** You never know how one small act of kindness might change someone's day.

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VESPER (from the audience): One last time!

Call & Response

Got some joy to share? Share it everywhere!

Tabs and Quill exit

[cue This is Me, Camp Song]

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Host 1 (Tabs): Thank you for joining us today.

We hope this week has given you a glimpse of what God has been doing in the lives of your incredible campers.

If your family would like to continue the journey - we have 2 opportunities to share with you!

- **Number 1** This fall we launch 3 K2K Companies for students in grades 2-12. If you're not familiar with K2K Productions - it is a weekly theatre program that runs Fall-Spring with incredibly unreal performances each spring. This program runs much like VISTO - small groups, mentoring, real-life conversations, and instruction in singing, dancing and acting while preparing for the performances of Shrek, Little Mermaid or Wizard of Oz. You **MUST** check it out - we would love to have you a part of it!

AND.... NUMBER 2:

- We would love to welcome you back for another VISTO week this summer!!!! NO, for real!! Check this out:

For all VISTO families here this week - you are being offered a NINETY-FIVE DOLLAR discount on another week of VISTO Camp. Yes! You choose the week & then email us to get signed up for \$95 OFF!

Thank you for celebrating with us today.

Have a wonderful evening and an amazing V-----ISTO summer!

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