



<b>Key Question</b>	How do we trust God with our present & future?
<b>Life Application</b>	Following my dreams can bless me and others
<b>Bottom Line</b>	Dreams in our hearts will grow and bless others
<b>Basic Truth</b>	I can trust God no matter what

## DAY 2: JOSEPH & POTIPHAR

### When has God surprised you by showing up in your life?

**Supplies:** Matching papers hidden around room, Projector & Screen, Vera nightcap + gown, sweatband underneath

**Host:** Good morning VISTO Camp!! We've got some fun in store today as we dive more into the story of Joseph, looking at what it is to dream and discover more about ourselves and the plan God has for our lives! Why don't we -

VERA would be snoring loudly behind the stage curtain

**Host:** What are you doing?

VERA slowly comes out, wearing a nightcap and old-fashioned night gown

**Host:** We're supposed to be living it up at camp and you're sleeping?!

**VERA:** Well... you know, yesterday we talked about how God can speak to us through our dreams, just like He did with Joseph. **When we dream - - - DREAM BIG!**

**Host:** You're right... but we also talked about how our dreams aren't just the ones that happen when we're asleep. When we talk about dreams, we are talking about the dreams, the hopes and plans we have for our future, the ones where we are wide awake to think about them.

**VERA:** Ohhhh, well that makes a lot more sense. [Pulls off nightcap to reveal sweatband underneath]. Like how my dream is to be the greatest Track and Field athlete ever. Do you know the greatest track & field runner ever? Usain Bolt. I want to be even faster than Usain Bolt!

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**Host** [Laughs]: Yes, just like that kind of dream.

**VERA:** [Claps] Well, now that that's settled! What game are we playing today? [Looks around]

**Host:** I was just about to explain it. Why don't you come and play with us?

**VERA:** I'd love to!!

**Host:** Alright campers! Are you ready for a little challenge to start off our day? There are enough pieces of paper hidden around the room for everyone to get one! Half of the papers have theatre terms on them, the other half have images. Once you find a piece of paper, you then have to find the partner that matches your card! For example, if I found the word sword, I'd have to find someone with a picture of a sword. Are you ready? Go VISTO!

**Host:** Ready for part 2 of the challenge? A ROCK PAPER SCISSOR TOURNAMENT but at VISTO we all it LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION! You now have a partner, and you're going to play a rock, paper, scissors (rock, paper, scissors, shoot), and then if you lose that round, you're going to follow around the person who won and cheer for them as they continue to play other people in the gym. [VERA], come with me and we'll show them an example.

Maestro, Capezio and Threads can you join us as well?

**VERA:** Ready to give it a try?

**Host:** That was so much fun, thank you for playing along and cheering on your friends! Today we're continuing our conversation about Joseph and the incredible ways God used him and his dreams.

We know this story comes from The Bible.

Can anyone remind me where we left off in our story yesterday? (Joseph had been sold by his brothers and his father believed him to be dead as a result of the blood on his torn jacket).

Amazing answers, thank you all. Why don't we all come in nice and close and



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we'll watch a little video to help us understand what happened next. When we left off, Joseph had just been sold by his brothers to some travellers...

<https://youtu.be/E-Ts3DuFLDg?si=5VWortjUDawSqoL8>

[read from Bible]

After Joseph was sold as Potiphar's slave, things could have gone horribly wrong – but God was with Joseph. Potiphar found out that Joseph was excellent at everything he did, so Joseph was put in charge of all of Potiphar's household – that position held a lot of power. God continued to use Joseph even when things weren't going the way Joseph probably thought they should. But that's the real beauty- is that things were going to plan - God's plan.

VERA raises hand

**VERA:** But Joseph had a dream that he was going to rule over his brothers. And now he's cleaning the floors? That's doesn't make any sense. Why would God do that?

**Host:** Well, God shows up through every moment of our lives, our plans, our dreams, but sometimes it isn't until we look back that we're able to see Him in the details. At the time, Joseph probably didn't understand why he was working for Potiphar, but God used those moments to create connections and relationships for Joseph that would ultimately lead him to the path God had created for him all along.

**VERA:** So, does that mean that our dreams may not always go out the way we think they should? Will I still be able to run faster than Usain Bolt?

**Host:** Maybe. But maybe God's plan is bigger than that. Often, what we think we want, or at least the way we think we should get those things, isn't the best for us. Think of it this way – our whole lives are like a huge puzzle, but we haven't finished the puzzle yet, so we only see a few pieces coming together, but God sees the entire picture, and knows how to get us to that same picture as well.

**VERA:** Hmm, that makes a lot of sense, and it is really comforting to know that God is with us, even when we don't know what will happen in the future. I guess I just still don't totally understand why it had to be so hard for Joseph.



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**Host:** That's fair, Vera. When we face challenges sometimes it's hard to see God in those moments. Throughout the day you're going to hear even more about Joseph's story and two men he ran into that helped God's ultimate plan happen! In the meantime, I want you to think about this question.

### **CANVA ANIMATION**

**When has God surprised you by showing up in your life?**

