

# MUSIC CONNECTIONS TO THEME



## Camp Dance | Reach | S Club 7

What does it mean to reach for the stars? (Let Campers share)

This week, we are talking about Purpose and how God has a purpose for your life. You can make a difference now at your age and when you grow up!

Maybe you are already thinking in your mind of the big things you want to do this summer, this next school year, or when you become an adult. These are your hopes and dreams.

Have you ever felt like that dream or goal seems hard to achieve or a long way away?

Our song says, “Don’t stop, gotta keep moving. Your hopes, gotta keep building.”

The chorus says, “Reach for the stars. Climb every mountain higher. Reach for the stars. Follow your heart’s desire. And when that rainbow’s shining over you. That’s when your dreams will all come true.”

This week, we’ll learn that God is your helper as you keep moving toward the purpose for your life. You don’t have to do it alone. God is with you, and you have great friends to help you reach your dreams and goals, too.

Our song says, “We’ve got to all stick together. Good friends are there for each other. Never, ever forget that I got you and you’ve got me, so reach for the stars.”

As you dance to this Camp Song, I want you to remember to never give up. Each day or each week, do one thing that will get you closer to your dream or goal. Just keep going, keep reaching and before you know it, your dream will come true.

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## Camp Song | Go The Distance | Hercules

The character in our song named Hercules is wishing to find the place where he belongs. He feels like there is this far-off place, he can't figure out yet what or where it is, where he will feel like he belongs. The people of that far-off place will welcome him, crowds will cheer for him, and he will feel like it's where he is meant to be.

He is willing to go the distance no matter how far it is to find the place where he belongs. He feels he will have purpose in the place where he belongs.

Have you ever felt like you don't belong?

Have you ever wondered what your purpose is? How can you make a difference?

These are great questions that we all ask at some time in our lives. I want you to know that God has a purpose for your life. You can make a difference at your age right now and as you grow up. You are important and your life matters. Your leadership is important.

Sometimes, the feeling of belonging can be found in a place. For example, you belong here this week at VISTO. You belong out on the soccer field or on the ice with your teammates. You belong in the dance studio with your dance class.

The feeling of belonging can also be found with people. People who love you and care for you and want to see you succeed and win. You belong in your family and with great friends who love you just as you are and encourage you to grow and try new things.

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## Olio | I Can See Clearly Now | Johnny Nash

Olio, you are special. You can make a difference at your age. Don't let anyone tell you that you are too little and you have to wait until you grow up to do big things.

It's gonna be a bright, bright, bright sun-shiny day when you make a difference. Some of the ways you can make a difference now are:

- Being kind to your younger or older siblings
- Staying patient for dinner when you are super hungry
- Cleaning up toys or putting your bike away after you are done riding
- Saying thank you

"Look all around," Olio, "there's nothin' but blue skies. Look straight ahead, nothin' but blue skies" when you know that you are special and important.

When you know that your life matters because you have purpose, well then you "can see clearly now, the rain is gone. Gone are the dark clouds that had you blind. It's gonna be a bright, bright, bright, bright, sun-shiny day."

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## Parlando | Born Ready | Dove Cameron

Did you know that you were born for a purpose? You “were born ready” to do big things at your age now and when you grow up.

Let’s see what your Crew Song has to do with the purpose you have.

Our song starts off with “Ready, set. Time to be a fighter.” There might be times in your life when you need to fight. I don’t mean fighting with punching fists, but I mean fighting for what is right – standing up for what is true, for what God says in the Bible is true. That might mean standing up for someone who is too shy to speak for themselves. Sadly, there might be times when people we know have to fight sicknesses like cancer. Sometimes in life, it’s time to be a fighter.

Other times in life, it’s time to start climbing. Our song continues to say, “Don’t look down, keep on climbing higher.” This reminds you to not give up even if the new thing you are trying to do feels scary and way bigger than you can do on your own. Just keep taking one step forward, higher, and before you know it, you will have done it!

Next our song says, “Be yourself, ‘cause heroes shine in different ways.” I love this! There is nothing better than being yourself! Exactly who you were meant to be. You can be a hero at your age. Did you ever think of that? You are a hero when you lend a helping hand, speak kind, encouraging words, or speak up to stop bullying.

If you are someone who feels shy or quiet, remember what our song says, “When your voice can’t make a sound, just know we hear you all around.” You matter, and you being here, in the room, with your amazing smile lights up the room.

Always remember that you “don’t need to fit into the crowd to be a force of nature ‘Cause we’re gonna be, we’re gonna be, we’re gonna be the best. They’re gonna see, they’re gonna see that we were born for this.”

This week, as we learn more about purpose, I want you to remember that you can make a difference now. Don’t let anyone tell you that you are too young and you have to wait until you grow up to do big things. You were born ready!

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## Bombershay | My Lighthouse | Rend Collective

Bombershay, you are important. You can make a difference now at your age. Don't let anyone tell you that you are too young and you have to wait until you grow up.

As you step out to make a difference, to be a strong leader, and to help others, you might face challenges. You might try something new that you haven't done before or join a new club or sports team. You might go to new places you haven't gone to before. You might be standing on the stage for the first time or have to give a speech at school.

Whatever it is, God is your helper. He is your lighthouse. His great love will lead you through any challenge. He won't let go of you.

You can sing with me, "My lighthouse, my lighthouse shining in the darkness, I will follow You. I will trust the promise, You will carry me safe to shore."

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